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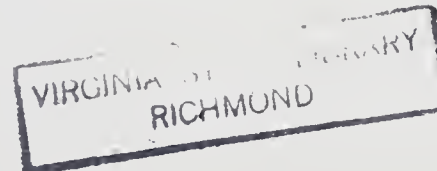
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introduction

The story of any school is the story of its students. This book endeavors to present the history of Earlysville High School through the thoughts and memories of its students. Although not all details concerning the school could be included, it is hoped that the book will highlight much of the school's 30 year history.

Were it not for the unselfish and generous help of the former students of Earlysville, this book would not have been. Because of the fire that destroyed the school and all its contents in 1934, there was left no sizable amount of information on the school in any one place. All of the material contained in this book came from private collections of former faculty and students. Thanks to them, a portion of the history of Earlysville High School was saved from the fire.

It is a pleasure for me to acknowledge the assistance of Earl C. Leake in compiling the information for this book. Were it not for his efforts in formulating a joint reunion of all the classes of the school, all of the information now gathered would still be scattered. With the subsequent assistance of the reunion committee, a concerted effort was made to locate much of the material contained herein for use at the reunion. Since then much more has come to light and undoubtedly

more will yet surface in the wake of publishing.

When the idea of compiling a book, utilizing the available information, was first discussed between myself and Earl, we determined to have as much input from the former students and faculty as we could get. To accomplish that we invited them to record for us their memories of their years at Earlysville. Additionally we asked for suggestions for a name for the book. Whereupon Myrtle Estes Bohrer put forth a name that seemed to sum up exactly what we had been striving for. Without any questions her name was adopted - Highlights of Earlysville High 1906-1936.

Special mention is due one graduate of Earlysville, who attended the school on its opening day, Mildred Maupin Fray. Mrs Fray was a great asset and resource person in gathering information on the formative and early years of the school.

Finally, warm thanks are due to a number of people who contributed their time, effort and resources, aiding in the publication of this book. They are: Jeannie Lake, Carl Schumacher, James E. Crosby, my parents, Robert Kirchman and Cheryl Thacker.

To all involved, I am deeply grateful.

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“Shadows falling over hilltops,
Bring to mind the days long past
Make one think about their schooldays
And the shadows they have cast.
“As for me the shadows bring me
As they fall upon the hill
Happy mem’ries of the golden
Days I’ve spent in Earlysville.”

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history

In 1906, Earlysville was just one of many small villages located throughout Albemarle County. However, because of the progressive thinking of the Rivanna District School Board, Earlysville would soon have the first high school created as a result of a relatively new approach to education - consolidation.

Since the public school system had been established in the Commonwealth in 1870, the County of Albemarle had six separate and independent school boards, unlike the one county-wide school board that exists today. The only unifying aspect of these boards was the one county school superintendent. Each district over time developed its own unique way of addressing the educational needs of the county. The Rivanna District was no exception.

The idea of public high schools did not begin to gain any firm foothold until after the turn of the century. Previously Scottsville and Charlottesville had the only legitimate high schools in the county. The Rivanna District very early saw that high schools would be the way of the future, in fact the district's four high schools would be functioning successfully as the rest of the county slowly followed suit almost a decade later.

In 1905, the school board announced plans to build its first high school in the Earlysville area. The parents of children attending four schools in the vicinity of Earlysville

met to decide upon a location for this new school. In order to insure the success of the school, the parents agreed to the closure of the four smaller schools. Although schools had been closed in the past it was usually due to the shifts in population and not due to consolidation. A more formal effort to consolidate the smaller schools would not begin until nearly another 20 to 30 years and then would be subject to road improvements and increased transportation services by the county.

On August 15, 1906, Broadus Ira Wood sold slightly over four acres of his farm to the school board in return for fifty dollars. The deed to the property also granted access "to a spring 300 yards west of the school house to be erected." The adjoining farm is called "School Spring Farm".

Within a matter of weeks the new school was up and ready for business. Unlike many of the schools built previous to this one, standardized school house plans were used for the first time in the Rivanna District. The new building was a one-storey frame structure and contained three classrooms. Crowning the school house was a belfry. As the new building opened its doors, the doors of the four feeder schools were closed forever.

An earlier Earlysville school of log construction, located far from the road just opposite the new school, was closed; formally located in a wooded area, all this land

is now open pasture. Also closed was Longwood located to the west behind Chestnut Grove Church. This old school was later transformed into a dwelling. To the east of the village, near what is now Norwood subdivision, was located Sandy Bottom. This building soon thereafter fell into disrepair and collapsed.

The remaining school had, perhaps the most colorful name of any in the county. Called Happy Hollow, it was of log construction and had a stone chimney. Although the information that is available on these schools is scant, photographs do exist of them.

Two of the classrooms in the new school were devoted to grade school work and the third was the high school class, which was taught by the principal. Attending that opening day were 52 pupils.

For the accommodation of those students who rode to school, a stable containing ten stalls was built east of the school house and near the road. Those who did not ride either hitched a ride with someone else or walked; it would be many years before anything like a school bus would appear in Earlysville. In 1916 the stables were expanded to 25.

As more school age children began to take advantage of the high school programs at EHS, plans were soon laid for an expansion of the physical plant. In 1910, the school board adopted a style of architecture that was used only in that

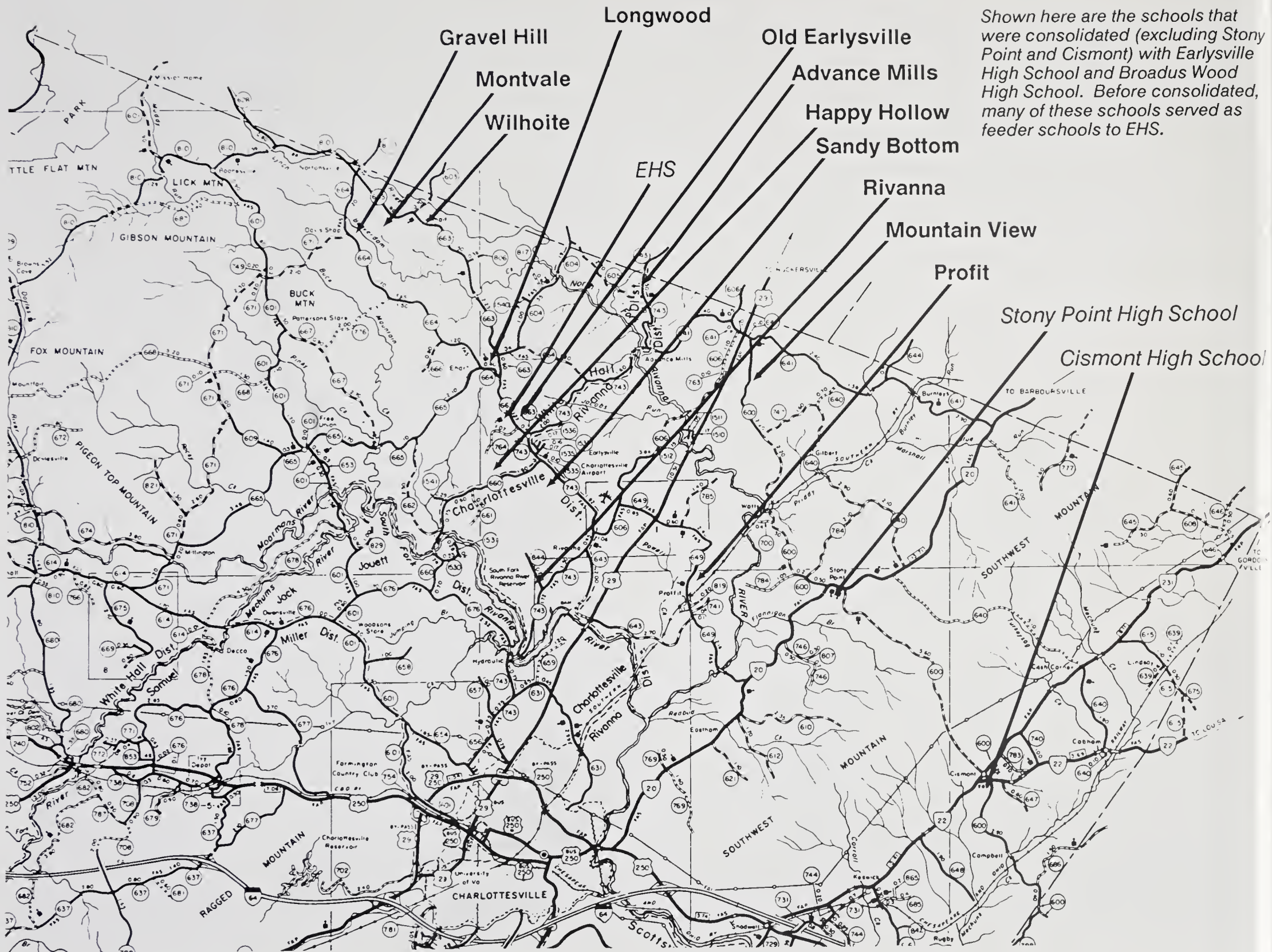
district. Instead of expanding outward, they elected to expand upward, thereby adding a second storey. Contained within the new addition was a classroom and an assembly hall. Previously, all plays, community programs had been held on the front porch.

In 1907 two other high schools were built in the Rivanna district and utilized the same floor plan as EHS. Like EHS, these two schools within a few years, saw a second storey added. Earlysville's identical sisters were Stony Point and Cismont. Another school, although not identical to these three, also had a second storey added for high school work - Mountain View. Of the three sisters, Cismont still stands although it is no longer used as a school.

According to Mildred Maupin Fray, a graduate of Earlysville and a student on its first day as a school, the Earlysville Community and Civic League was organized in 1912. Mrs. Fray remembers that the league did a number of things for the school such as purchasing a p-

Earlysville High School as it appeared before it was one year old. It would be several years before a formal road was laid out in front of the school thereby creating the "circle" that survived the fire in 1934. The circle and its shrubbery gave way to a parking lot in the mid 1980's. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.







Happy Hollow School. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



Longwood School. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



Sandy Bottom School. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



This pine corner cupboard came out of the old log Earlysville School, when it was in a state of collapse in 1921. It was refinished in 1956. Courtesy of Elisabeth Davis Omohundro.

ano and song books as well as purchasing chairs for the assembly room. Probably one of their most important and lasting contributions was the digging of a well for the school.

Experiencing continuing growing pains, a two storey addition was built in 1914 to the rear of the building which when completed made the entire school a square as opposed to the ell shaped building it had been. One of the new rooms was an additional classroom and the other was a laboratory for the high school.

Until about 1913 the high school was only a two year program which followed a seven year grade school program. After 1913 it was made a three year high school program. Beginning in 1916 the high school was expanded to four years thus becoming an accredited high school.

Over the years Paul G. McIntire, of Charlottesville, made some sizable contributions to the county's schools. To Earlysville, he gave a Victrola, maps, dictionaries, laboratory supplies and magazine sub-

scriptions to name but a few. According to the 1921 school annual, the school was at one time painted yellow; however the paint had not weathered very well, so McIntire helped to defray part of the cost of painting the building though this time it was white with green trim.

As the twenties rolled around another addition was made to the growing physical plant. Built to the rear, this new addition contained two classrooms under which were located indoor restroom facilities. This addition, built as a separate building was connected to the main structure via an enclosed breezeway leading from the back door.

In 1921, Broadus I. Wood and his wife Emma donated almost two acres to the school board in order that the community might expand

the playing fields at the school.

Over the years many other schools were closed and consolidated with Earlysville. Previously many of them had been feeder schools wherein students upon finishing grade work at these schools would transfer to Earlysville for high school work. Included among these schools were Wilhoit, Proffit, Gravel Hill, Montvale, Advance Mills, Mountain View and Rivanna.

In 1922 the county school board unit was adopted by the Commonwealth thus ending the Rivanna School Board. Along with the demise of the district school board went much of the individual attention some of the schools had received. Since the new board had to take the entire county into consideration when reviewing new pro-

jects, Earlysville saw little improvement to its physical plant. In part this was due to fact that it was still superior to many other schools in the county. Additionally the coming of the depression caused a slow down in the funds available to add to the physical plant.

On January 17, 1934, the school board for Albemarle County passed a resolution that it would match a sum to have been provided by the Civil Works Administration for a ten room addition to Earlysville. Each side was to have pledged \$9,090.33 toward the project. A similar amount was also allocated for an addition to Stony Point. Although plans were progressing to where work on the additions would begin before summer, all came to naught on March 5.

A morning lineup at Earlysville. Note on the front porch, the ever present ladder, that was to be used in case of fire. When the second storey was added the ladder could also be used as a way to gain access to the double door fire escape from the upstairs auditorium. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.





The hallway of EHS looking toward the back door. The doors on the right opened into two classrooms. Due to the number of heavy coats, the photograph must have been taken during the winter months. When the second storey was added, a stairway was placed on the left side of the hallway. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

On March 7, 1934 a special meeting "was called to consider what steps should be taken to replace the Earlysville School which had been destroyed by fire Monday, March 5. After some discussion it was voted to build a temporary building, 20 x 210 feet, if the community will furnish the labor." Instead of one long building, two identical buildings were eventually

built.

At their August meeting the school board passed a resolution empowering the chairman and the clerk to make an application for a \$25,000 loan from the Virginia Literary Fund. Interestingly the resolution referred to the temporary building, affectionately called the "barracks," as a structure that could not be used as a permanent school.

Even after the new school was built, the barracks remained in use until it had to be torn down to make room for the addition of a kitchen and cafeteria in 1961.

As if not to miss out on any potential source of funds, application was made in December for \$15,000 from the Public Works Administration. All of this money seeking was occurring before any plans for a new school had been drawn up, but this would change when Raymond Long, State Department of Education, appeared before the board in May 1935 to discuss designs for the school. It was agreed that two plans would be drawn up; one would be classical in style and the other modernistic.

In the meantime, the parents of students at Stony Point, realizing that the addition that had been proposed for that school had been put on hold, took this opportunity to petition the school board for a new school house. As a result, the board at the June meeting discussed at length the advisability of erecting a central high school to serve Earlysville, Stony Point and county students attending Charlottesville's Lane High School. They even went so far as to include Meriwether Lewis and Red Hill in the talks. Ultimately, the board decided to rebuild at Earlysville, replace Stony Point and build a new high school to serve county students attending Lane. Additional McIntire High School was built to accommodate county students at-

tending Lane; it was completed one year after the new Earlysville and Stony Point Schools.

On September 27, 1935 plans were approved for the new Earlysville High School as well as plans for Stony Point. Bids were put out immediately and by October Charlottesville Lumber Company, with the lowest bid, got the Earlysville job. Total cost would be \$38,290.

One month later, on November 15, ground was broken for the new school with Joel Kidd, the principal, turning the first shovel full of dirt. He was in turn followed by a representative of each grade in turning a shovel full of dirt.

On January 21, 1936, the school board voted, with no fanfare, to change the name of the school in Earlysville to Broadus Wood High School. For the community that was served by Earlysville High, it was but a small token to honor the gentleman who had served so well on the Rivanna and later county school board and devoted much of his time to bettering the schools in the county. Broadus Wood final resting place, fittingly, is on his farm on which the school property was separated from.

The big moment finally arrived on October 9, 1936. On that day Broadus Wood High School opened its doors thus beginning a phase in the history of public education in Earlysville.



Patriotism ran high in this classroom, circa 1907, including flags drawn with chalk on the blackboards. Sitting on the desk tops are rolls of reed that were being to weave baskets. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



The school at the time this photo was taken was in need of a paint job. With the help of the Civic League and Paul G. McIntire it would be painted in 1921. The hedge and circle would survive the fire of 1934. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

This view of the rear of the school was taken after 1914. The right side of the building is the two storey addition of 1914 that included a laboratory and a classroom. With both the rear and front doors open, you can see the flag pole in the front circle. To the right of the school is the well with a hand pump. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.





*EHS as it appeared in the latter
1920's.
Courtesy Steven G. Meeks*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 6, 1934

Incendiary Fire Destroys Earlysville High

MAN WHO USED GAS IN STARTING BLAZE IS SOUGHT

Principal Gets Glimpse Of Incendiary; Building Was "Fire Trap," Bennet Says

BUILDING, CONTENTS INSURED FOR \$13,250

School Board Will Meet Tomorrow to Consider Situation

Fired by an incendiary who soaked a hallway floor with gasoline, the Earlysville school was destroyed between 10 and 11 o'clock last night by flames which swept swiftly and unhampered through the rambling two-story frame structure to form an inferno which lighted the country for miles about.

The loss was set at more than \$13,250, which was the insured value of the building and contents. The schoolhouse was insured at \$11,450 and the equipment at \$1,800.

Principal Joel T. Kidd, who discovered the fire, saw a man run from the vicinity of the school just before he reached the building, and this man was the object of a police hunt which continued throughout

the night and was going ahead today. The case undoubtedly is one of arson, Sheriff Mason Smith said, principal Discovers Blaze

According to accounts given this morning by the Sheriff and County Superintendent A. L. Bennett, Mr. Kidd had been attending a meeting and had returned to the schoolhouse to get some books when he found the fire. His first impression as he approached the building was that the janitor was still occupied there, since a light showed through the windows. He saw a man run.

Coming on into the building, he caught the intermingled odors of smoke and gasoline. He found the fire in a closet in a back hallway. As he threw open the door to this storage room, the flames burst forth and followed a trail of gasoline down the hallway. Mr. Kidd was forced to race from the building ahead of these flames, which in a few minutes had enveloped the whole schoolhouse.

The large building made a brilliant blaze which drew a large crowd. Any local effort to halt the fire would have proved futile, and neither was the Charlottesville fire company asked to send equipment since the building was practically destroyed even before a call could have been put through.

Using Bloodhounds

Mr. Bennett, Sheriff Smith and Deputy Abbott Smith were summoned and an investigation begun. Bloodhounds were secured from the State farm near Schuyler. No arrests had been made by this morning, but police indicated they had knowledge as to the identity of the incendiary.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 8, 1934

Earlysville Patrons to Build Temporary School

BOARD DECIDES ON ITS OUTLINE

Must Be Up In Ten Days, Bennett Says; Firebug Clue Is Found

All the patrons of Earlysville High School will be asked to turn out to help construct a temporary building to serve for the rest of the school year in place of the one destroyed by incendiary fire Monday night.

At a special meeting yesterday, the Albemarle school board ordered the construction of a temporary building, 20 feet wide and 210 feet long, out of cheap lumber. There will be seven separate classrooms, each 20 by 30 feet. The rooms will be separate units with doors opening on the outside.

Over 100 patrons of the school are to be asked to contribute three days labor apiece to throw together this emergency building, which Superintendent A. L. Bennett said "must" be ready for use by the end of next week. The 275 students and seven teachers will get a vaca-

tion while this is being done.

The decision not to rebuild the school permanently this spring was made by the trustees after talking with Raymond Long, of Richmond, architect with the State Education Department.

Hope For New School

"We hope later to receive out of government funds enough to build a fine new consolidated school," Mr. Bennett declared. "Money already has been appropriated to make a survey of the State for this purpose."

The school superintendent went to Richmond this morning to seek approval of a CWA grant of funds with which to buy materials for the temporary building. If this is not secured, it will be up to the school system to purchase the lumber, mostly "strippers."

The hunt for information establishing the identity of the man who set the school afire with gasoline late Monday night went on yesterday, but Sheriff Mason Smith and Mr. Bennett said an arrest might not be asked before the end of this week, if at all.

Find Oil Can

The investigators yesterday located in the ashes of the burned schoolhouse an oil can which they said was the one used by the firebug to bring gasoline into the

building. It was located at the spot where was the hallway closet in which the fire was set, and janitor Les Wood declared that no such can had been there before. The under side of the can is not burned and has some marks by which it may be traced, Mr. Bennett said.

The identification made by Joel Kidd, school principal, of the

young man he saw run from the school yard just before the fire was discovered, also is relied upon by investigators. They said bloodhounds brought from Schuyler after the fire followed a trail to this man's home, but he denied the crime and was backed by relatives in the claim that he was asleep when the blaze started.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 14, 1934

VOLUNTEER AID AT EARLYSVILLE

Carpenters From Other Parts of County Work on School

A group of carpenters which has been occupied with CWA work on the school at Advance Mills and the Albemarle Training School today are giving a free day's labor to the construction of the temporary Earlysville High School building. These men are from other parts of

the county than Earlysville.

Progress on the building during the past two days indicates that it will be finished in the record time of one week, and be ready for occupancy on next Monday, Superintendent A. L. Bennett said today.

Sixty-five men from the Earlysville community turned out yesterday to aid in the work under the direction of A. B. C. Durrer, Earlysville carpenter, who was elected foreman by the school patrons.

Equipment has been purchased and will be installed this weekend. This includes stoves, desks, chairs, and blackboards.



After the school burned two "temporary buildings" were erected to serve as a school until a permanent building could be

erected. These buildings were called the "barracks" by students and faculty. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks

EARLYSVILLE SCHOOLS

November 15, 1935

Breaking of Ground Celebrated at Earlysville High School

Tuesday morning, November 12 at 9:00 o'clock the pupils and teachers of Earlysville School celebrated the breaking of the ground for the new school building. All the pupils of the school assembled around the place where the new school building is to be built. Supt. A.L. Bennett presided at this celebration and the school first sang "America". Then Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Kidd to remove the first shovelful of dirt from the ground. This action was continued by the rest of the teachers. Then a representative of each grade removed a shovelful of dirt.

After each class had taken a part in removing dirt from the ground, Mr. Bennett removed a shovelful.

Then Mr. Bennett gave a short talk reminding us that we are to have one of the best schools in Albemarle County and that the erection of this building is one thing of great importance which we will remember all our lives with interest. He also reminded us that it is not the building that makes the school complete, but the students of that school who give their entire devotion and interest to the school.

Students of Earlysville Look Forward to New Building Next Fall

The students of Earlysville School have been very fortunate in securing a new school - a school which is nearly completed and which we hope to enter next fall.

The framework itself has long been erected and the rooms have been partitioned off.

On each side of the front entrance, which looks out across the circle to the highway, there are five ample windows. Above the front entrance door are the name of the school which has been changed to Broadus Wood School and the date of its building, 1935.

There are two grade rooms on each side of the front entrance. A hall extends the whole length of the building and a door opens at either end to admit entrance.

Across the hall from the grade rooms are the high school rooms. On the same side of the building, to the extreme left is the principal's office.

The adjoining high school rooms are connected by folding doors so that the rooms may be made into an auditorium when occasion demands.

To the right of these rooms, on the same side, is the library which will be provided with a sufficient supply of books and tables for the pupils benefit.

The building is well ventilated and insulated. It is also provided with plenty of light and everything possible has been done to insure the comfort of the students.



Earlysville High School's successor - Broadus Wood School - under construction in 1935-36. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.



Broadus Wood School has served over fifty years as a school although today it is an elementary school. The original structure remains intact but was recently renovated. It has seen several additions all of which occurred after it ceased to be a high school in 1953. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.

faculty

Earlsville High School was blessed with some of the best and most dedicated principals and teachers in the county and the world - as maintained by many former students. "They poured knowledge and ideals into our brains which have benefited us all through life," recalled Earl Leake.

Records listing the faculty at Earlsville High School range from scant to none. The following is a list of all known faculty members and their approximate years of service:

Salley Arker 1914-1917
 Eugenia Bailey 1921-1922
 Merry R. Barksdale 1918-1919
 Virginia Beard 1931-1932
 Kathryn Biscoe 1913-1914
 Helen Brooks 1921-1922
 Margaret Brooks 1927-1928
 Lela Burt 1918-1922
 Winnie Cowherd 1918-1920
 Dorothy Cox 1925-1929
 Elizabeth Cox 1925-1927
 George W. Cox, Jr. 1931-1936
 Nora Crickenberger 1906-1909
 Elmer L. Crigler 1908-1912
 Bernice S. Davis 1918-1926
 Elizabeth Davis 1931-1932
 Beulah J. Dulaney 1924-1925
 Maggie Viola Dulaney 1920-1924
 Willie Carr Durrer 1926-1936
 Alice Elam 1932-1936
 Mary Ish Ewell 1906-1909
 Norwood Flick 1927-1930
 Lucille Early Fray 1925-1928
 Jessie Harouff 1928-1929
 Mae Hildebrand 1924-1925
 Beulah Jennings 1919-1925

Eula Wood Maupin 1930-1936
 Mary Maupin 1925-1926
 Ann Moomaw 1930-1932
 Julia Morrison 1921-1923
 Nell Branham Oder 1927-1929
 Amelia Vance Patton 1931-1936
 Mae Pickering 1923-1928
 Ruth Quigg 1922-1925
 Mary Ragsdale 1929-1930
 Ruth Wharton Ramsey 1922-1925
 Edith Hulin Reed 1929-1930

Elsie Mae Pickering 1928-1931
 Pauline Scribner 1929-1934
 Janie C. Slaughter 1919-1922
 Winnie Sutherland 1927-1929
 Alma Sweet 1928-1936
 Florence G. Thorton 1923-1924
 Bright Tisdale 1920-1922
 Mabel Watts 1922-1923
 Myrtle I. Wood 1925-1928
 Bertie Shirley Wood 1907-1908
 Mrs. Tommy Yoe 1922-1924



Seated on the back porch of the school in 1914 are principal William T. Straley and teachers Kathryn

Biscoe, Miss Anderson and Bertie Shirley Wood. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.



Earlsville High School principal of 1921 Xenia R. Holmes, 1920-21. Courtesy of Elva Watson Wood.

Principals:

1906-1909 Edward F. Birkhead
 1909-1912 E. B. Givens
 1912-1913 Elmer L. Crigler
 1913-1914 Minor Zuiedenja
 1914-1916 William T. Straley
 1916-1917 Elizie Purvis
 1917-1920 Irene Barksdale
 1920-1920 Xenia Holmes
 1921-1925 Boyde H. Payne
 1925-1927 William W. Rowan
 1927-1929 C. John Apperson
 1929-1931 Harvey G. Reed
 1931-1936 Joel Kidd

School News Earlsville

The fourth and fifth grades entertained the school Tuesday morning with a program of dialogues, monologues and songs.

The features of the program given by the second and third grades Thursday was a song sung to the tune of "My Mammy and Daddy Were Irish," entitled "The Faculty." Miss Mae Hildebrand, teacher of the second and third grades is responsible for the song which is given below in full:

"The Faculty"

First there comes Mr. Payne, sir,
Naughtiness, means the cane, sir
Next day you'll be lame, sir,
And that's the way they do.

Chorus

And that's the way they do,
And that's the way they do;
For he (she) is one of the Faculty.
And that's the way they do.

Next there comes Mrs. Ramsey
She's sweet just like candy,
But switches she always keeps handy
And that's the way they do.

Miss Quigg has the rep, sir,
Of having plenty of pep, sir;
To make the lazy ones step, sir,
And that's the way they do.

And there's our friend Miss Jennings
Whose ways are really quite winning;
In work she keeps 'em all swimming.
And that's the way they do.

Of Miss Davis we agree, sir,
Like her there never will be, sir;
She's sure to make laziness flee, sir.
And that's the way they do.

Our Faculty baby is Miss Pickering,
She's always smiling and dimpling;
She's an Albemarle Pippin.
And that's the way they do.

And then there is Miss Hildebrand,
She catches us whenever she can,
Her ruler she uses just like a fan,
And that's the way they do.

Courtesy of Barbara V. Via

Earlsville High School teachers of 1921 (clockwise): Janie Slaughter, Maggie Dulaney, Bright Tisdale, Bernice Davis, Eugenia Bailey, and (center) Lela Burt. Courtesy Elva Watson Wood.



paris e. crenshaw

It is hard to bring back memories of over fifty years ago, but a few things come to mind.

The first thing that comes to mind are the teachers. They were so compassionate and helpful. It is hard to understand how a little country school could entice such fine people.

Some of the things which concerned me personally was the winning of the spelling contest of Albe-

marle County for the seventh grade. Being chose class president and valedictorian of my class in 1933 was an honor and a pleasant memory. It was enjoyable playing on the baseball teams of 1932 and 1933. I met my wife of almost fifty years, Margaret Birckhead Crenshaw. We were married September 28, 1935.

There were good times and bad times but looking back and thing about it, they were happy days.



These faculty members took a little time off to enjoy a warm April day in the front "circle". Pictured are Mae

Pickering, Maggie Dulaney and Ruth Quigg. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.

DEACON DUBBS

Faculty Play

Earlysville High School

Friday, December 19th, 1924 8:00 P. M.

PERSONS IN THE PLAY

Deacon Dubbs..... From Sorghum Center, West Virginny
Mr. Eugene Durrett
Amos Coleman..... His Nephew, a Young Lawyer
Mr. B. H. Payne
Rawdon Crawley..... A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing
Mr. Lewis Davis
Major McNutt Auctioneer and Justice-of-Peace
Mr. Lewis Huff
Deuteronomy Jones A Country Product
Mr. Harry Huff
Rose Raleigh The Brave Little School Ma'am
Miss Mae Hildebrand
Miss Philipena Popover With Both Eyes on the Deacon
Miss Burnice Davis
Emily Dale The Richest Girl in Town
Miss Lucile Fray
Trixie Coleman Full of Mischief
Miss Mae Pickering
Yennie Yensen The Hired Girl from Sweden
Miss Ruth Quigg
Villagers, Quartet, Children

SYNOPSIS

ACT I A Country Auction. The Deacon arrives from Sorghum Center, State o' West Virginny. The Deacon takes a drink of water.

ACT II A Country Wedding. Shadows of the Past. The Deacon takes a prisoner.

ACT III A Country Husking Bee. Escaped from the Penitentiary. The Deacon takes a wife.

Then here's my haud, my trusty friend,
And give us a haud of thine,
And let the Friendship Cup go round
To the days of Auld Lang Syne.

Refreshments

pauline scribner letellier

My first year at Earlysville High School as a pupil was very interesting and adventurous.

The pupils that were fortunate enough to live near the school walked to school. Others rode horseback, but the majority of us living at least five miles from school used a horse and buggy. We left home at seven o'clock to be on time at school at 9 o'clock. We "unhitched" our horses and put them in the stable. When school was out in the afternoon we "hitched" up (most of us had boy friends, who did this for us) and started home, getting there at nearly dark.

My first year at Earlysville was in the fourth grade with Miss Bernice Davis as our teacher.

My best memory of my days as a pupil was of my seventh grade teacher, Miss Merry Barksdale, now Mrs. Lewis Allen. I thought then I would surely like to be like her as I grew up and to be able to teach school. I left Earlysville school in my sophomore year to attend high school in Buckhannon, West Virginia. I graduated and went on to West Virginia Wesleyan College and graduated with my degree in 1927 in Latin.

My professor in Latin suggested I teach the first year in West Virginia as my certificate was from West Virginia. I began teaching in West Milford High School. I had never heard of West Milford but I am glad I found it as I made many good

lasting friends. Our faculty and student body were large and most pupils I taught were 18 to 20 years old: I was just 20 years old!

After one year I decided to come to Virginia and teach. Mr. B.I. Wood suggested I teach at Earlysville as there was a need for a Latin teacher.

Earlysville was small compared to West Milford, but I liked it very much. The highlight of my teaching at Earlysville was when I met a young teacher, Miss Alma Sweet, whose last name was very appropriate; we are still very close good friends. She married Mr. Abbott Smith. I left Earlysville to marry my

husband, Delmas Le Tellier, we have just celebrated our 50th anniversary.

EARLYSVILLE HIGH

Friday, September 12th, the hearts of the teachers, students and parents were stirred when the Earlysville High School reopened for the 1924-25 session. Scholars, old and new gathered in groups on the campus from 8 o'clock until 9 o'clock. At this time our honored principal, Mr. Payne, took charge of the students in the assembly hall. Here he welcomed back, the teachers of last year, Miss Ramsey, first assistant; Miss Quigg, second assistant; Miss Bernice Dunn, who takes charge as usual of the fourth and fifth grades; Miss Pickering, who is loved and appreciated by the primary children; and Miss Beulah Jennings, who takes charge of the sixth and seventh grades, whose teacher of 1923-24 entered into the state of matrimony some time ago. Mr. Payne welcomed the new and old pupils numbering 147.

Some of our devoted graduates of 1924, who could not see the school doors of E. H. S. open without entering as usual, were also with us.



The high school faculty of 1925 consisted of Mae Hildebrand Catterson, Lucille Early Fray, Beulah Jennings, Mae Pickering, Mary Wharton Ramsey, Ruth Quigg and

Boyde H. Payne (principal).
Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.

mae pickering reynolds

Earlysville High school will always mean a lot to me. I was a student there only three happy years and enjoyed the excellent teachers and fellowship of the students.

I graduated in 1921. That year we published the first annual for the school. We named it Aurora. It was my privilege to be the business manager.

We organized the Barksdale Literary Society. I was the first president.

I enjoyed the Athletic Association, played guard on the basketball team and my brothers Glen and Mills Pickering and James Garrison were on the baseball team. We didn't win all the games but it was very exciting to play the other schools.

Later on I went back to Earlysville High to teach. I began teaching in 1923 and Boyde H. Payne was the principal.

During the summer of 1925 under the direction of Dr. Wilson Gee, a professor at the University of Virginia - a Geography Supplement of Albemarle County was to be written. Mr. A.L. Bennett was superintendent of Albemarle County Schools and at the suggestion of Mr. Bennett and our superior Miss Helen Hays, four teachers from the county were selected to do the work - Mrs. Lina K. Miller, Mrs. Abner Haden, Mae Hildebrand and Mae Pickering.

We were so happy to have two of the teachers from Earlysville School selected. This supplement was used in the classrooms of all Albe-

marle Schools.

A lot of work went into this but we were helped by doing this work, and we received credit for this on our educational program.

The Earlysville High School joint reunion 1906-1936 was an excellent program and drew many of us together - much credit of this program goes to Earl Leake, Chairman of the Committee and Master of Ceremonies and his excellent helpers.

I so enjoyed seeing again many of the teachers I had taught with and seeing so many of the students I had taught.

I have many happy memories of Earlysville High School.



Ann Moomaw (Page) taught at EHS from 1930-1932. Courtesy of Rebecca P. Pence.



Mary Wharton Ramsey taught at EHS from 1922-1925. She was the wife of Rev. E.M. Ramsey minister of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Earlysville. Photo courtesy of Menger Ramsey.



Dorothy Cox, Mae Pickering and Norma Flick in 1927. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.



The EHS faculty of 1929 included: (front row): Mae Pickering, Winnie Sutherland and Nell Oder. Second row: Norwood Flick, Jesse Harouff and Dorothy Cox. Back row: John Apperson (principal). Courtesy of James Garrison.



Willie Carr Durrer Wallace taught 4th-5th grades beginning in 1928. Following her marriage in 1930 she took a two year leave of absence. Courtesy of Elizabeth Harlow Wood.



Cornelius John Apperson served as principal of EHS from 1927-29. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.



Mae Pickering and Alma Sweet standing in front of the school in 1928. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.



Myrtle Wood (1925) during a break from class. Courtesy of Geraldine Fray Haney.

alma sweet smith

Why I chose to accept the position as teacher of grades six and seven at Earlysville High School beginning in the fall of 1928, I am not sure. I was given a choice of accepting either Earlysville High School or Red Hill High School. My supervisor, Mr. A.L. Bennett, encouraged me to go to Earlysville.

At that time, John Apperson was the principal of Earlysville High School. I was already acquainted with him. Prior to coming to Albemarle, he had been principal of Central High School in my native county, King William.

For a period of nine years I continued to teach in Earlysville High School. During this time seventh grade was moved into the high school in order to increase the enrollment to make it an accredited high school. Some years I had fifth and sixth grades. One or two years I had only the sixth grade.

For seven of the nine years, I lived in different homes in the community. This gave me an opportunity to make many good friends. Homes in which I lived were Mr. and Mrs. B.I. Wood, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Wood. I lived with the Allens for four years. Mrs. Allen had been principal of the school before she married. She was a very fine lady whose friendship was treasured. During my first year there, I lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.I. Wood. Mr. Wood was a member of the school board. His great service

was recognized by the new school being named for him. There I roomed with Miss Norwood Flick, a teacher in the school. She is now Mrs. George Dickerson. We developed an enduring friendship that is being enjoyed today.

Two other teachers, who became very dear friends, were Mae Pickering Reynolds and Pauline Scribner Le Tellier. My second year there, I lived with Mae and her husband, Alvin, a young minister. When he accepted a pastorate in Hanover County, Mae did not teach at Earlysville again. Through the years, we have enjoyed a lasting friendship. Pauline has befriended me in many ways as have Mae and Norwood.

Many other friendships among patrons, pupils and others in the community are remembered fondly and treasured deeply but space does not permit me to mention them individually. This includes numbers of other teachers, as well. These friendships have enriched my life and continued to give me inexpressible pleasure.

For two years, Harvey Reed was the principal of the school. Joel Kidd became principal in the fall of 1931 and served creditably for six years when he became principal of Red Hill High School.

One of my vivid, yet tragic memories, is that on the night of March 5, 1934 I was awakened by my room being brilliantly lighted. Bewildered, I rushed to the window to see what seemed to be the

whole world illuminated. Amazed, I returned to bed but slept little. Rising early the next morning, I was distressed to learn that the school had been razed by an incendiary fire. My good friend, Pauline Scribner, came for me and we went to view the ruins and bemoan our loss.

We were told that there would be no more school until temporary buildings could be constructed. All patrons of the school were asked to help construct seven classrooms to be used until a new school could be built. We taught only thirteen days in March and lost nine days while these buildings were being built.

We called these rude buildings the "Chicken Coops." One cold, snowy day when I was getting ready to leave I went to get my galoshes and found them frozen to the floor. After tugging, I was able to get them up. It was difficult to be comfortable during winter weather.

When the new building was being constructed, we watched anxiously. On September 1, 1936, we were delighted to occupy this new school.

One of my most cherished memories is that of the Rally Days that were held at Lambeth Field at the University. My assignment was to organize a girls' team and a boys' team of dodgeball. I knew nothing about the game. Much work was necessary to become familiar with the rules and develop an interest in the game on the part of



Alma Sweet Smith started teaching at EHS in 1928.

the pupils. My primary aim was to develop sportsmanship and good conduct. Then there were skills to be learned and practiced. We worked hard to attain these goals. When the first Rally Day came, we were overjoyed that the county championship was won by both the girls' team and the boys' team. For the next three years we continued to work with two teams and, each year, we won the county championship. While their winning was very satisfying, more gratifying results were seen in their conduct and sportsmanship. Our last game, in the spring of 1937, marked the end of my work with the dodgeball; the next fall, I was transferred to Greenwood High School.

Never did I have any regrets about going to Earlysville, and I was happy to return there, at a later date, to teach in the high school for a period of ten more years.

Fond memories of Earlysville High School shall always be treasured.

rita austin miller

My years at Earlysville High School were all happy years, but sad when the time came to say good-bye to the school and make new plans in life.

I was present at the 1984 school reunion and had a wonderful time. Everything was so well planned. Meeting my old classmates was a job. I also met some of my relatives which I had never seen before.

The new school is such an improvement over the old one. I remember the pump at the back door and the big wood stoves which we gathered around to recess to chat and keep warm. In those days the only means of transportation was horse and buggy.

I recall several of my teachers: Miss Arker was my first teacher. She was such a lovely person, I made two grades under her the first year in school. Then came the Barksdale sisters - Merry and Irene. Mr. Purvis, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Bannister were the high school teachers. Mr. Bannister was very handsome; the high school girls had a hard time keeping their minds on the lessons.

Broadus Wood was a fine individual; well liked by the parents and all who knew him. When my father died at forty-three, leaving six small children, Mr. Wood was the first one to offer help. He entered the two oldest children in Miller School where they both received a good education.

I shall always have fond memories of my years at EHS.



Edith Reed (teacher), Everett Reynolds and Harvey G. Reed (principal 1929-31). Courtesy of Earl C. Leake.



Joel T. Kidd (principal 1931-37) and George W. Cox, Jr. (teacher) standing in front of the barracks type school buildings used after the school burned in 1934. Courtesy of Vernon and Willie Jones.

classes



Seabrook Bros.

Albemarle County's earliest high schools had only nine grades compared to the twelve grades that a student must now go through in order to graduate. When Earlysville High School became a Virginia accredited high school it went from a ten grade school to an eleven grade school.

Class size had a tendency to decrease the higher one went in grade level. Thus the elementary grade classes were sometimes twice the size of some of the upper grades. This occurred despite the fact that they were constantly being enrolled in the higher grades as they advanced from the smaller one room schools. Much of this decline in class size was due to students transferring to other schools, moving away from the area and dropping out for economic reasons - they had a job.

Although the data is vague and inconclusive a fair number of EHS student in the school's earlier period, continued to study at the school beyond their year of graduation. In many cases, it was so students could obtain needed additional course work to gain admittance to colleges. One student, Mildred Maupin, continued for another year so that she could earn a diploma from the newly accredited high school, this having occurred after her graduation from the tenth

This interior view, circa 1907, shows the high school class hard at work. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

grade. Thus she earned two diplomas.

Compared to high school classes of today, those at Earlysville were extremely small; some classes only had four seniors, with the larger classes having a dozen.

There were distinct advantages to small classes. Teachers could give individual help where needed and the pupil had a greater chance to be called on to recite or perform on the blackboard, which made each pupil aware that he or she had better be prepared.

There was also the tendency to form close friendships which have lasted to this day. Ask a high school graduate of today to name all of his/her classmates; odds are it cannot be done. Ah - the good ole days.



The 1909 high school body as seen on the front porch. Included are E.B. Givens, Edgar Newman, Gershon Allen, Florence Harlem, Bertha Pritchett, Sabre Wood, King Marshall, Paul Durette, Eugene Durette, Lloyd Perkins, Peyton Crenshaw, Minnie Gordon Wood, Maggie Mooney, Edgar Cox, Edith

Bell Wood, Pearl Marshall, Lloyd Dickerson, Ethel Marshall, Elsie Pritchett, Bertha Mae Cox, Virginia Dare Maupin, Carol Bland, Edgar Maupin, Maggie Dulaney, John Dovel, Clyde Dulaney, Reva Reed and Miss Mooney. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.



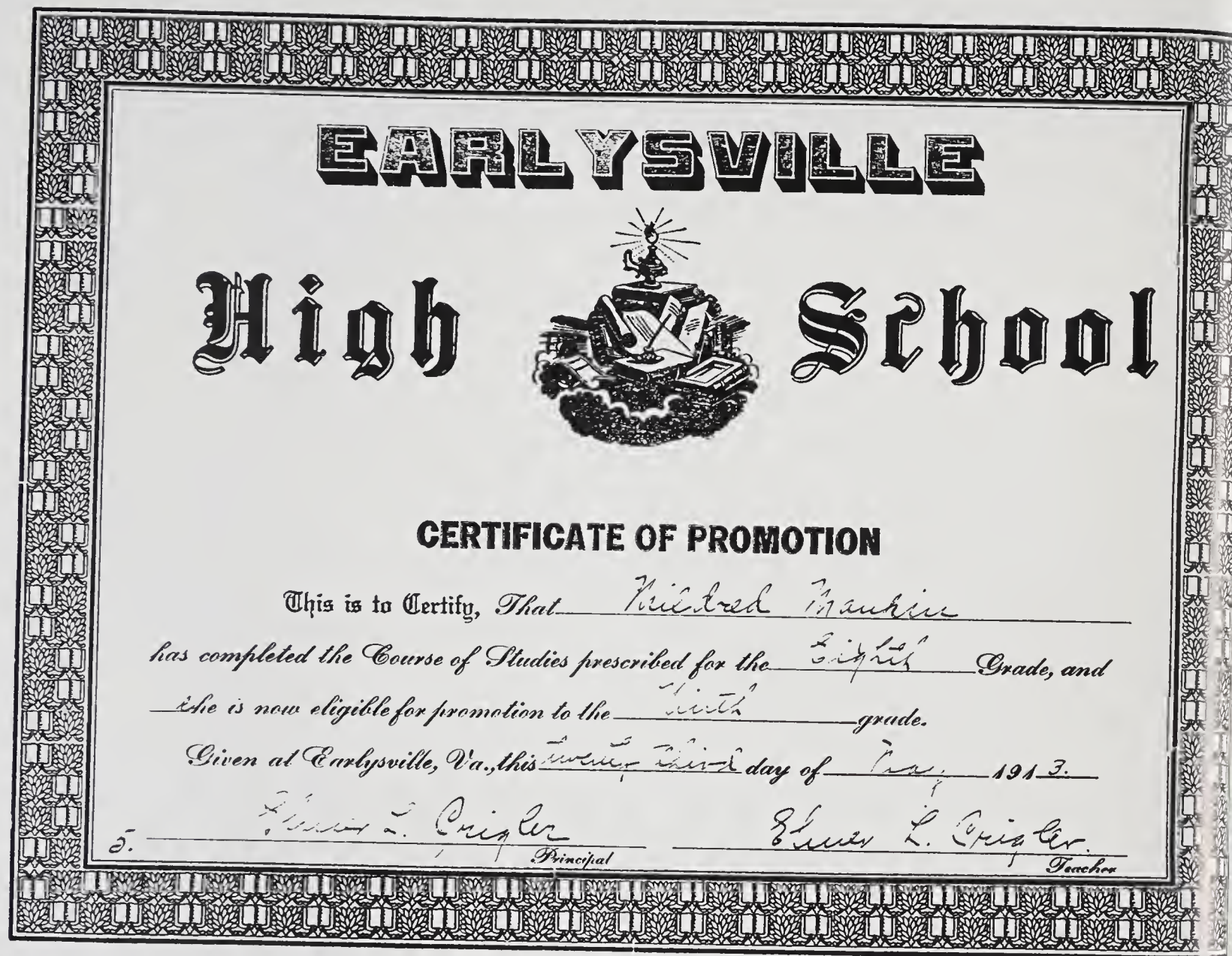
Taken around 1908, the elementary classes gathered outside EHS for this photograph.

Taken in February 1907, the photograph shows a morning ritual for the elementary classes at EHS - the checking of clean hands. These students represented several different grade levels. Note that the window shutters were closed to block out the sun for this picture. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



Seabrook Bros.

Many of the early schools in the county issued certificates of promotion. This one was issued in 1913 to Mildred Maupin for having "completed the course of studies prescribed for the eighth grade." Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.



Mildred Maupin Fray's high school diploma. Graduating in 1916, she was in the first class to graduate from the newly accredited high school program.

Earlsville High School



This Certifies that

Mildred Gertrude Manpin

^{16 Unit}
Having completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education, and by Intellectual Attainments
and Correct Deportment, is hereby declared a Graduate of Earlsville High School, and is entitled to this

Diploma

Given at Earlsville, Virginia, this First day of May A. D., 1916

H. M. McManaway
Superintendent

W. F. Lundy
Principal



B. I. Wood

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Board of
Directors



Class of 1921: Elsie Mae Pickering, Addie Douglas Scribner, Mary Wood, Alees Pritchett and Anna Francis Via. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



The junior class of 1921 included Mary Marshall, Verta Crenshaw, Beulah Jennings, Ethel Wood and Almond Birkhead. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

The 1921 sophomores included Robert Birkhead, Lewis Davis, Woodsie Edwards, Everett Graves, Glenn Pickering and Eula Wood. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



The freshman class of 1921 was comprised of Wheeler Birkhead, Bernice Breeden, Carrie Breeden, Helen Burton, Fairy Dovel, Curtis

Dulaney, Willie Durrer, Thelma Fry, Pauline Scribner, Elizabeth Via, Price Via and Warren Wood. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



Knowing that a photographer was going to take their picture, the lower grades at EHS put on their "Sunday best" for this pose on the front porch of the school in 1921. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

Earlysville High School Class of 1927: (l-r) Elwood Mooney, Willah Wood, Elsie Shifflett, Hettie Wood, Emmie Estes, Queenie Durrer, and Willie Via. Courtesy of Nellie Arbogast Mooney.



This photograph shows the first grade class of 1926 standing along side the school building with their teacher Myrtle Wood. The little boy in the front row, fifth from the teacher with the pasteboard gun is Gaines Fray Jr. Courtesy of Elizabeth Harlow Wood.



june wood schmidt

My earliest memories concern the school. It was a big part of my father's life. Both he and his father had been members of the school board. The school was built on part of "our" land, know as Mountain View in those days.

Each first day of school, my dad (Broadus Wood) would go up to the opening assembly and make a little speech of welcome. He would ride on a high-stepping horse, with me in front. Of course, the day came when I could no longer go home with him, but must stay at school. At this I rebelled and went home anyway. Eventually I went back and spent 11 happy years there.

It was a lovely place to grow up. None of us missed the things that seem important in schools today. No swimming pool, no telephone, no indoor plumbing in the early days, no hot lunches, no central heat.

Wood stoves with wet smelly coats and golashes standing around to dry. Everyone had colds. We sniffed and sneezed and coughed through the winter!

School assembly was held every day. The whole school gathered. We had a reading from the Bible, the Lord's Prayer and sometimes a program put on by various grades and we always sang "America the Beautiful", "Onward Christian Soldiers", "Seeing Nellie Home", "Juanita", and many times "A Spanish Cavalier" (the words of which we all remember!).

Basketball and baseball were the

big sports. We played Red Hill, Scottsville, Stony Point, Greenwood and Meriwether Lewis; both girls' and boys' basketball.

We had two recesses of 15 minutes each and one half hour for lunch. One couldn't leave the school grounds without permission.

The old frame school building was really a fire trap. There was only one enclosed staircase to the auditorium and the floors were cleaned with oil. My mother was always in terror when there was a program or play with the auditorium filled. She would make the janitor open the door onto the roof and put a ladder up against it!

We were lucky that when it finally burned, there was no one in it.

The big events were the senior plays, "literacy" contests, etc. No dancing was allowed in the school.

Miss Bernice Davis was one of the fixtures. She taught there for many years - third and fourth grades when I was there. She had taught many of the student's parents. Among other teachers, the Cox twins (grade school) were popular. Mae Pickering Reynolds coached basketball. Bill Rowan, principal, was well liked. Harvey Reed had a winning basketball team. Edith Reed had a marvelous class on Shakespeare when I was a senior, 1930. She wasn't long out of Duke and pretty much gave us her college Shakespeare.

After about 1925, about one half of the students went on to college for some length of time.

The 1925 class became favorites and well known in the county for their rendition of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" by "Happy" Marshall, Ted Allen, Frank Doherty and Louie Scribner. To the best of my knowledge this is the only song they know. These guys were the whole class and were known as the "Junior or Senior Girls".

I cannot remember school being closed on account of snow. Whoever got there, went to school. Almost everyone walked, until the

school buses were added.

4-H Club, Boy Scouts were the main outside activities.

Bessie Dunn Miller and Ruth Burruss ran the 4-H Clubs; they were the Home Demonstration Agents. Harry Huff kept the scouts going. Many of us went to V.P.I. to the 4-H Club short courses in the summer.

Barbara Via and I won the county debate contest in 1928.



This group photograph includes freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors at EHS in 1928. Seated (l-r): Gertrude Via, Margaret Bickers and Dorothy Fox. Standing: Myrtle Estes, Luther Dovel, Virginia Via,

Geraldine Fray, Earl Leake, Ruby Pritchett, Bowlin Marshall, Avis Garrison, Hazeltine Durrer and Ralph Leake. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.



The 4th and 5th grades at EHS 1928 included: first row (l-r) James Leake, Glen Leake, Benjamin Crenshaw, Vernon Durrer, Richard Hall, Salley Jones, Ruby Anderson, Mary Branham and Bernice Wood. Second row: Frances Wood, Willie Via, Maxine Fray, Mildred Branham, Bertha Harlowe, Mae Crickenberger, Marie Herring, Bertha Wood and Goldie Landis. Third row: Fannie Carr Durrer, Avis Garrison, James Lawson, Helen Smith, Earl Wood, Woodroe Dunn, Billy Harlin and Merelle McCauley. Fourth row: Lucille McCauley, Earl Maupin, Willie Durrer - teacher and John Apperson - principal. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.



The 6th and 7th grades at EHS in 1928 included: first row (l-r): Alice Colvin, Barbara Arbogast, Burrett Wood, Oslon Dunn, Hanford Hall, Frances Hall, Lucille Colvin and Bertha Durrer. Second row: Andrew Dunn, Virgil Dovel, Elva Jones, Jennie Jones, Nellie Arbogast, Mary Leake and Francis Branham. Third row: Woodroe Dunn, Helen Smith, Adgil McCauley, Phyllis McCauley, Avis Garrison, Ruth Crickenberger, Virginia Wood and Schuyler Reed. Fourth row: Mabel Reynolds, Alma Sweet-teacher, Greenwood Crickenberger, Erlene Wood, Vernon Jones, John Apperson-principal and Paris Crenshaw. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.

CHAPEL EXERCISES

Of Earlysville High School Enjoy-
able Event.

Earlysville, Va., Jan. 10—The chapel exercises of the Earlysville High School proved the first meeting of the New Year in which all the pupils and faculty assembled in the school auditorium, where the faculty rendered a most interesting program, although we returned to school January 2nd, after the holidays, and did not expect a well prepared program.

The program was begun by the faculty chairman, Miss Thornton who read the Scripture lesson, and led the school in prayer.

Miss Dulaney, one of our faithful grammar school teachers, who is learned along history lines, entertained us with a guessing contest, by which she showed the pictures of some of the greatest of our historical men and important historical scenes in which all the pupils engaged in guessing their names and places in history.

Next on program was a two part song by the school, "Blossom Bells," in which Mrs. Ramsey presided at the piano.

Miss Pickering gave an oration "The Benefits of Resolve," in which she made clear distinction between a hope and a resolve. She also added that we should always do our best no matter how hard the task. She illustrated this by having five cards with letters spelling Habit. If we hope to break a habit instead of resolving, here is what happens, we hope so we take away the H we still have a-bit left. Then we remove the B and we still have If left, if we resolve to get rid of the habit we do away with Habit all at once.

susie b. damron

At the age of seven I started in the two room school at Proffit; this was in 1924. I attended Proffit school through the sixth grade.

We had no bus transportation to either Stony Point High School or Earlysville High School. The bus line for EHS was the closest and that was over three miles. The year I finished sixth grade, my mother went to see Broadus Wood and then to A.L. Bennett, superintendent of Albemarle County Schools. After much work and discussion with these men, the EHS bus was brought to within two miles of my home so I could go to high school. I attended EHS through the ninth grade.

The depression came and I had to drop out after starting the tenth grade. The only things I have of my school days are two blue literary ribbons I won in a reading contest in 1926 held at Stony Point school and a picture taken in 1927 at the school.

I spent a lot of happy days at EHS; I loved it.

I did forget to mention that my mom and dad both attended the same Proffit school that we did. There were seven of us kids.

Class of 1929: Avis Garrison, Barbara Via, Gertrude Via and Virginia Via. Courtesy of Avis Garrison.



Three classmates, 1929, enjoying a bit of free time between classes: Olive Dulaney, June Wood and Annie Price. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.



Students at EHS 1929: kneeling (l-r) Lena Garrison, Audrey Fray, Lottie Wood, Helen Hamilton and Barbara Via. Back row: Francis Branham, Virginia Via, Geraldine Fray, Dorothy

Fox, Myrtle Estes, June Wood, Viola Dovel, Avis Garrison and Annie Price. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.

Character Education In Albemarle Schools

Earlysville First Graders Write Morality Code.

The county-wide project in Character Education and Thrift which was launched by the Rural Supervisors in Albemarle County last fall is bringing excellent results in the character development of county children. The project is fostered by the banks of Charlottesville which are offering prizes in each supervised territory for the best thrift work and the best original character training projects carried out by any school.

At the winter the children have studied and tried to practice the receipts outlined in Hutchins' Children's Morality Code. This Code was awarded the \$5,000 prize in the National Morality Codes Competition, 1916, for the best Children's Code of Morals.

This spring county children engaged in the Character Education and Thrift work have begun to write Morality Codes of their own in which they have attempted to set up standards of right conduct for themselves. Excellent Codes have been written and practiced by the children at Howardsville, Prize Hill, Sugar Hollow and other schools in the county.

On a recent visit Mr. E. E. Worrell, State Supervisor of

Rural Schools, expressed himself as greatly pleased with the unusual type of training in "Morals and Manners" which he noted in many of the Albemarle Schools. Mr. Worrell spoke in especial praise of the work being done by Miss Mae Pickering of the Earlysville faculty with her first grade pupils. The following is a Morality Code written by these little first graders under Miss Pickering's supervision. It gives expression to the children's ideas of right conduct and is a simplified form of the Hutchins' Code.

First Grade Morality Code—How An Earlysville Child Must Live.

Good Americans Try to Gain and Keep Good Health:

1. I will keep my clothes and my body clean.
2. I will not say any bad words. I will think good thoughts for they keep me well and happy. I will keep away from those things which would harm me and keep those things which help me.
3. I will try to keep well by eating good food, taking plenty of sleep, and doing those things which will make me strong.

Good Americans Are Kind.

1. I will make my tongue say clean words.
2. I will not get mad when I can't have what I want.
3. I will try to think clearly and do what is best for all.

Good Americans Think For Them- selves.

1. I will take advice from older people than I, but
2. I will try to think what is right myself and then DO IT.

Good Americans Are Dependable.

1. I will be honest in every way.
2. I will not be bad for someone will find it out. God always sees me.
3. I will not take things from other children without asking them.
4. I will do quickly what I have promised to do.

Good Americans Play Fair.

1. I will always play fair.
2. I will be good and kind to the one who is playing against me.
3. I will play to help my team.
4. If I lose I won't fuss and blame it on others. If I win I will be glad.

Good Americans Do Their Duty.

1. I will find out what I ought to do and do it gladly.
2. I will do what I ought to do the best I can even if it is hard.

Good Americans Try To Do The Right Thing In The Right Way

1. I will go to school all I can so that when I grow up I will know how to do good work.
2. I will learn all I can from those who are right.
3. I will not stop until I have done my BEST.

4. I will try to do the right thing always.

Good Americans Work Together

1. I will do my part of everything the best I can and help others do theirs.
2. When I finish with the things I am using, I will put them away so that others can find them easily and quickly.

3. When I am working I will be happy so that others will want to work with me.
4. I will spend my money wisely, but I will share some of it with the other children.

Good Americans Are True.

1. I will always tell the truth.
2. I will think good and kind thoughts about people.
3. I will say nice things about others.
4. I will be polite to everybody.
5. I will not tell lies on other children.

Good Americans Are Loyal.

1. I will obey my parents.
2. I will be helpful to my school.
3. I will love my town and country.
4. I will try to find the good in everybody and like it.

If I try to keep these rules each day, I will grow up to be A Good American.

annie price

I graduated from Earlysville High School in 1930. The distance I walked to catch the bus stands out in my memory. I walked about a mile across a field and a creek, but I feel I was really blessed to get my diploma.

I started school at Advance Mills School, located one mile and a half north from Advance Mills. I went there through the fifth grade after which I attended EHS.

News From The County School

EARLYSVILLE

The little people at the Earlysville High School, impatient at Mother Nature's delay in changing seasons, have turned their primary class-room into a beautiful 'spring landscape. Flocks of gaily colored birds wing their way across the sides of the room, blue birds are alighting upon dainty fresh curtains, in one corner stands:

"A lree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair."

It now holds in ist leafless arms many speclmen birds' nests which the children are eagerly identifying. Upon the sand table is pictured a poem, "The Swing"—the swing itself being beautifully constructed. Early blossoms deck the teacher's table, and altogether the scene is a most attractive one. The creation of this charming environment for the little students reflects much credit upon Miss Mae Pickering who is at the head of the primary department.

Under the skillful and artistic direction of Mrs. Ramsey these little boys and girls have received instruction in Choral Singing this session. Their voices are well trained and the singing remarkably good.

Miss Bernice Davis's pupils are proudly showing beautiful history-



Class of 1930: Front row (l-r): Joe Davis, Ira Maupin and Luther Dovel. Back row (l-r): June Wood, Olive Dulaney, Rev. George P. Mayo, Annie Price, Dorothy Fox, Helen Hamilton and Myrtle Estes. Courtesy of Earl Leake.

geography booklets of Albemarle County which they are just completing. The bulletin board in this class-room carries an excellent and attractive display of school work.

The fifth grade is showing splendid improvement in rate and comprehension in silent reading and in expression and clear enunciation in oral reading.

Miss Dulaney's sixth and seventh grade students have recently written such excellent stories that at the especial request of Miss Heyl, our supervisor, all will be entered at the fair next fall. These boys and girls are also greatly interested in the appearance of their class-room. Everything is kept neat and orderly, the management being entirely in the hands of the pupils. They have added a note of spring by the purchase of a pot of blooming hyacinths for the teacher's table.



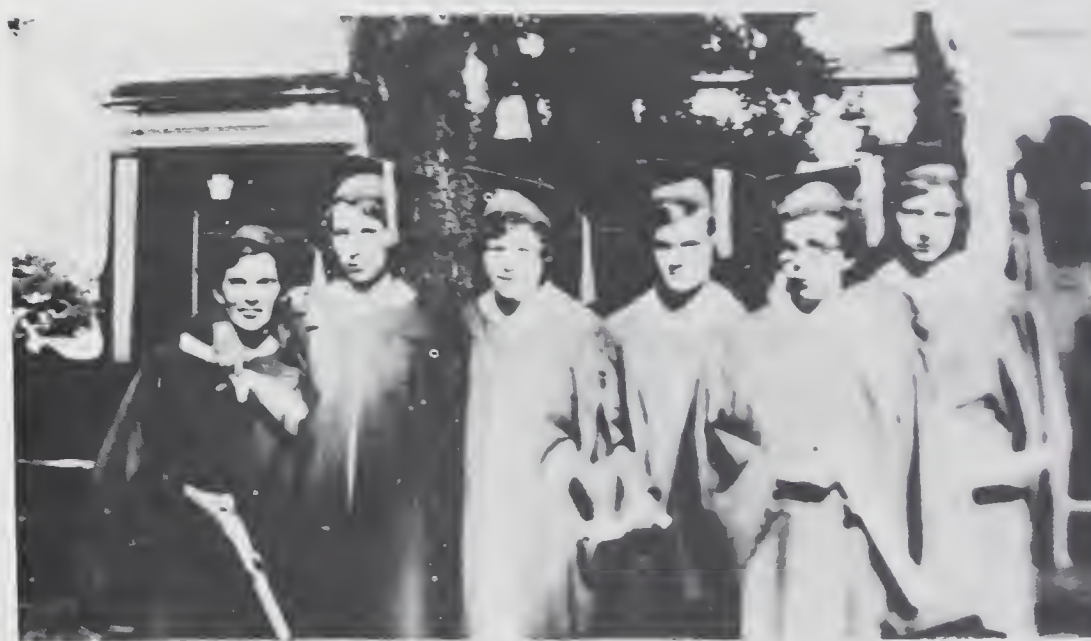
The EHS Class of 1931 outside of Chestnut Grove Church. First row (l-r): Margaret Bickers, Geraldine Fray and Dorothy Bickers. Back row: Kermit Wood, Earl Leake and Bowlin Marshall. Courtesy of Earl C. Leake.

Part of the Class of 1932 on the Lawn of the University of Virginia. Included are Audrey Fray, Viola Dovel, Nellie Arbogast, Julia Via, Lottie Wood and Alma Walker. Courtesy of Elizabeth Bruce Reed.



EHS 1932 sixth grade with teacher Alma Sweet First row (l-r): Opal Leake, Pearl Worley, Aleda Anderson and Gaines Fray. Second row: Doris Smith, Hugh McCauley, Ashley Colvin, Harry Crenshaw, Hanna Lee Wood, and Billy Leake.

Third row: Howard Gentry and Earnest Jones, Lucetta Wood, Mabel Pritchett, Kathlene Lamm, Kathlene Morris, Richard Hall and Earl Maupin. Courtesy of the teacher Alma Sweet Smith.





The Class of 1932 after graduation. Front row (l-r): Audrey Fray, Lottie Wood, Julia Via, Kyger Wood, Viola Dovel and Douglas Davis. Back row: Nellie Arbogast, Alma Walker, Lonzy Wood, Everett Reynolds and Arthur Wood. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

Earlsville High School Class of 1933 posing beside Chestnut Grove Church: (kneeling) Paris Crenshaw, (back row l-r) Ruth Crickenberger, Marie Morris and Mae Birckhead. Courtesy of Elizabeth Bruce Reed.



elizabeth harlow wood

My memories of Earlysville High School are more of people than a building. In those days family, church and school was the extent of my life. The school meant a lot to me. These were the days of my childhood, and so they are memories of my childhood.

I was just 15 when I graduated from high school. I think I contributed something to the school. I know I learned from excellent teachers, who were dedicated and caring people.

I was accelerated from grade six to grade eight to help keep Earlysville High School an accredited high school. Another girl was also advanced (Flora Marshall Reynolds).

In 1934 there was talk that we'd only have school eight months. But that year the federal government started its first support of the public school system, so we had a normal year.

In 1933 and 1934 I participated in sports, namely softball and the 440 relay race (running) to help win Rally Day for Earlysville High School. We won first place those two years. (Rally Day was a sports meet of all county schools at Lambeth Field at the University of Virginia.)

The first place ribbons, I earned in the first grade for reading, English and arithmetic burned in their showcase in the auditorium when the school burned to the ground in 1934.

I lost to Meriwether Lewis High

school in reading and to Scottsville in debating. I sang in our school chorus at Cabell Hall and I lost first place in spelling at Cabell Hall by misspelling restaurant, a word I've never forgotten.

I remember the children I walked with to school, and one girl who is still my friend, Lutie Wood Mooney.

I remember my dad, W. B. Harlow, making a homemade slide he pulled with a horse to make a path for us through the snow, so we could walk to school, and walk a lot of us did, to get to school. I really wanted to go to school.

I remember playing marbles before school, "Took In", with another girl, a lot of boys and smaller children. This girl, Ruth Crickenberger, and I could always win if we played as a team. (We called it being on the same side.)

It wasn't easy being the youngest person in high school. It did however help me to be an independent person.

There are memories of my mother, Mary Harlow, sewing our clothes by hand and pedal machine, and by lamplight, after she'd already done a day's work. Today the clothes would or could be sold for a great deal of money.

My grandmother, Mrs. Oscar L. Wood, supported the school and took us to baseball games at other schools. I loved baseball.

Of the school itself, the library was my favorite place. I read every book in the library except two. It was just a cubby hole in one side of



the stage at one end of the auditorium. Schools really should have good libraries. These were the years of the depression, and there was a lot of making do with what we had, even at school.

I remember the vegetable soup and hot cocoa the ladies made on a huge woodstove that was in one corner of the large room at the top of the stairs off the auditorium. This room was used for both the chemistry lab and kitchen. They sold us the soup and cocoa for three cents a mug. I've tried all my life, every winter, to make vegetable soup that tasted that good. Sometimes I am successful. (I think the beef, pork and canned vegetables were all donated by the parents. I know I

Posing outside of the "barracks" are the EHS juniors and seniors of 1934. First row (l-r): Hanford Hall, Elizabeth Harlowe, Flora Marshall, Bertha Durrer, Irene Birkhead, Bobby Arbogast, Elva Jones and Vernon Jones. Second row: Schuyler Reed, Elizabeth Bruce, Clyde Worley, Gaines Dickerson, Virgil Dovel and Kermit Parrish. Third row: Lucille Colvin, Florence Walker and Mary Leake. Fourth row: Bernice Wood, Adgil McCauley and Frances Hall. Courtesy of Vernon and Willie Jones.

took home-canned vegetables to school.)



Earlysville High School Class of 1935 on the steps of Cabell Hall. (l-r): Joel T. Kidd-principal, Virgil Dovel, Mary Leake, Hanford Hall, Bernice Wood and Kermit Parrish. Courtesy of Vernon and Willie Jones.



Standing in front of EHS in 1934 are Mary Branham and Ella Frazier. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.

alumni

Known members:

1913
(Graduates of a two year
high school program.
Earlier graduates are
unknown)
Gershon Allen
Goss Graham
Woodie Estes
Bertha Pritchett

1914
Bertha Mae Cox
Virginia Dare Maupin

1915
Lettie Cox
Laura Cox
John Crenshaw

1916
(First class of a four year
high school program)
Maggie V. Dulaney
Eugene Durette
Mildred Maupin
Elsie Pritchett
Elizabeth Scribner

1917
Giles Allen
Virginia Douglas
Duane Durrer
Nettie Maupin
Lutie Pritchett
Beauford Scribner
Marie Scribner

1918

Minnie Cox
Lillian Davis
Lelia Dovel

1919
Myrtle Cox
Minnie Crenshaw
Julia Dovel

1920
Mary Durrer
Irene Dulaney
Evelyn Maupin
Lutie Pritchett

1921
Elsie Mae Pickering
Alees Pritchett
Addie Douglas Scribner
Anna Frances Via
Mary Wood

1922
Rita Austin
Virginia Austin
Almond Birkhead
Philip Bradshaw
Verta Crenshaw
Beulah Jennings
Ethel Wood

1923
Robert Birkhead
Carroll Catterton
Stuart Catterton
Lewis Davis
Woodsie Edwards
Nora Estes
George Garrison
Everett Graves
Elliot Marshall

Gabe Maupin
Glenn Pickering
Wilda Seamonds
Price Via
Eula Wood

1924
Wheeler Birkhead
Wyatt Catterton
Hugh Douglas
Warren Wood
Bernice Breeden
Carrie Breeden
Helen Burton
Fairy Dovel
Elizabeth Douglas
Willie Durrer
Thelma Fray
Julia Head
Pauline Scribner
Elizabeth Via

1925
Edmund Allen
Marshall Davis
Frank Doherty
Edna Dovel
Lucille Harlowe
Zanesville (Happy)
Jefferson Marshall
Louie L. Scribner
Ruth Via
Elva Watson

1926
Susie Beddows
Janie Bickers
Elizabeth Davis
Zack Dunn
McNeil Marshall

1927
Queenie Durrer
Emmie Estes
Elmer Mooney
Elsie Shifflett
William Via
Hettie Wood
Willa Wood

1928
Ruby Elliott Branham
William Zachery Catterton
Hazeltine Elizabeth Durrer
Edna Kathryn Haney
Ralph Leake
John Miles Pickering
Ruby Estelle Pritchett

1929
James Edgar Garrison
Barbara Naomi Via
Gertrude Frances Via
Hattie Virginia Via

1930
Joseph S. Davis
Luther Dovel
Olive Dulaney
Myrtle Estes
Dorothy Fox
Helen Hamilton
Ira J. Maupin
Annie Price
June Wood

1931
Dorothy Mae Bickers
Margaret Agnes Bickers
Geraldine Briggs Fray
Earl Carlton Leake
Bowlin Marshall

Kermit Wilson Wood

1932
Nellie L. Arbogast
Randolph Bruce
Douglas M. Davis
Viola D. Dovel
Audrey L. Fray
Phyllis McCauley
Fred Mooney
Cecil Reynolds
Everett C. Reynolds
Julia E. Via
Alma Walker
Arthur F. Wood
Lonzy E. Wood
Lottie A. Wood
W. Kyger Wood

1933
Mae S. Birkhead
Francis D. Branham
Fannie Colvin
Paris E. Crenshaw
Ruth J. Crickenberger
Hamilton Haney
Marie E. Morris
Lutie Lee Wood
Volinna Wood

1934
Barbara Ellen Arbogast
Irene Birkhead
Elizabeth Bruce
Gaines P. Dickerson
Bertha Durrer
Elva Jones
Vernon William Jones
Flora Virginia Marshall
Schuyler E. Reed
Clyde V. Worley

1935
 Marjorie Birckhead
 Virgil Harman Dovel
 Francis Hall
 Hanford Bourne Hall
 Elizabeth Harlow
 Marie Herring
 Mary Arritt Leake
 Ruby Leake
 Kermit Wood Parrish
 Bernice Lutie Wood

1936
 Dwight Corey
 Rachel G. Crenshaw
 Mae Christian
 Crickenberger
 Edward Davis
 Fannie Carr Durrer
 Adgil Mickie McCauley
 Jerusha Ella Smith
 Elizabeth Thomas
 Willie Rebecca Via
 Mamie Florence Walker
 Carrie Frances Wood
 Dulaney Wood

The following list of students are not assigned to a particular graduating class. Some graduated after 1936, some transferred to another school and some did not finish for various reasons.

Philip Allen
 Jennie Austin
 Violet Austin
 Katheryn Elizabeth Birckhead
 Luemma Birckhead
 Common Birckhead
 Ruth Birckhead
 Susie Birckhead
 Warren Birckhead
 Johnnie Branham
 James Burk
 Lucille Colvin
 Gleenwood Crickenberger
 Eddie Douglas
 Hazel Dovel
 John Dovel
 Vernon Durrer
 Thelma Herron
 Dorothy Jones
 Bennie Owens
 Francis Parris
 Herbert Perky
 Patsy Perky
 Harold Price
 Lutie Pritchett
 Elmer Ramsey
 Menger Ramsey
 Goodwin Robertson
 Jenner Robertson
 Edna Scribner
 Emmett Scribner
 Helen Smith
 Rachel Via
 Dorothy Wood
 Malcolm Wood

Raleigh Worley
 Jock Worley
 Erlene Wood

transferred or quit before they got to High School.

There are bound to be others who have been overlooked. Every attempt has been made to provide as accurate a list as possible. Additions or corrections to the list are encouraged for the sake of historical accuracy; please notify the publisher.

As only graduating seniors have been listed and not all of the grades, there must be many who

Earlsville High School Class of 1936 after graduation in Cabell Hall at the University of Virginia. Front row (l-r): Dwight Corey, Rachel Crenshaw, Jerusha Smith, Willie Via and Francis Wood. Second row: Joel T. Kidd, principal; Mae Crickenberger; Fannie Carr Durrer; Adgil McCauley and Florence Walker. Courtesy of Vernon and Willie Jones.



student life

Aside from the everyday activities of the students in the classroom and during recess, there were many special events on the school calendar that were significant for everyone at Earlysville High School.

Each year an Albemarle County Literary Contest was held among the seven accredited county high schools. These contests consisted

of spelling bees, public speaking, reading and debating team competition.

May Day was always a big event at Earlysville High School highlighting the day was the traditional Maypole Dance followed by the crowning of the May Day Queen. There was always a big crowd of patrons, friends, neighbors and of

course the students, teachers and principal on hand for the festivities as well as the baseball game that followed.

Probably the biggest event for the school was graduation day, the final culmination of four years of hard work and play. Starting in 1929 this became a joint ceremony of all senior classes from the seven

Albemarle County High Schools - usually held in Cabell Hall at the University of Virginia. In 1931 it was held at the University Baptist Church due to the Cabell Hall being repaired due to fire damage.

The circular lineup in front of the school occurred in 1906. The faculty can be seen on the front porch.





These stables were located downwind from the school, seen in background to the left. Built for the students in 1906 to place their horses in while attending classes, the number of stalls grew from the initial ten to 25. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.



Taking a break from the three R's, this class is weaving baskets, circa 1907. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

mildred maupin fray

When Earlysville High School opened in 1906, I was one of the first 52 pupils who started to the new three room school just completed, with three teachers.

Here are several experiences I had during my grade and high school years at Earlysville School and Broadus Wood School. When I was nine years old, in the three room school, the snow was so deep in January our parents were afraid for us to start walking to school (about three miles). Our neighbor and my father had gentle riding horses, so we had their consent, - the older brothers in each family could saddle the horses, they riding in the saddle, one child behind and one in front on each horse, carrying six to school. On the road to school there was a stream so we would let our horses drink, as we had no place to water our horses at school. When the reins on the bridle were let down for the horse to get his mouth to the water, I slipped down the horse's neck to the water getting my heavy coat and clothes wet. I didn't want to go back home so I got back on the horse and rode to school. I was so cold my coat and clothes were frozen. My teacher, Miss Ewell (primary teacher) was really worried. She borrowed several garments from the teachers and put a laprobe around me and made me sit by the stove all day, as my clothes were drying, hung around the stove. After she got me ready to leave for home, she handed me a note for my mother,

saying she did what she could but was afraid I would have pneumonia. My mother scolded me for not coming back home, as it was dangerous, but fortunately I didn't miss any from school my first year.

My other experience happened in my senior year of high school. In the spring when we all reviewing and getting ready for our examinations, my tooth started aching. My mother took me the next morning to our dentist in Charlottesville. Our only transportation was driving a horse and buggy, about three hours one way. When we entered the dentist's office my tooth didn't ache. I insisted that we could come home, I was OK! After pleading with my mother, she paid the dentist. I said I was feeling fine. My mother said she would bring me back if it got worse. About half way home it started hurting me, but I was ashamed to tell my mother. I made out that night. When we got in our class next morning - our teacher let us get together, to review and study for the examination in the afternoon - my class could see my tooth was bothering me so much I would never be able to take the examination. We had heard the merchant at Earlysville could extract a tooth, as he had dental instruments he had inherited from his father who was a dentist. My class asked me if I wanted to go to him; if so, they would borrow a horse and buggy and two of them would go with me. I was ready at that time to do anything for relief. We drove

down to the store and he took me in his office. He really had the right instruments, as he soon had the tooth out, and wrapped in paper for me to take home to show my mother. When I asked him how much I owed him, he said I usually charge 50 cents, but not to school children. We drove back to school and I was ready to take the exam. When I arrived home and told mother and showed her my tooth, I'll admit she couldn't believe it. She thought I should have had my dentist do such work and that I had not acted very wisely. However, she was relieved to see me not suffering that night. I went back to school the next morning to finish my school work.

All of our parents liked the new school and teachers. Everything really moved forward in the community. It grew each year with pupils from Proffit, Advance Mills and Wilhoit School walking or riding a distance to come to the new school. In a few years, the school was remodeled, adding two more classrooms, with five teachers. It continued to grow. Later an auditorium and two classrooms were added with seven teachers and then it was classed Earlysville High School. The school had been a two-year high school. They would not have to send me away as they had to send my older brothers and sister. They had to leave home so young to get four years of high school. I could stay and finish my junior and senior years in a four

year accredited high school. I was one of five to graduate in a four year high school in 1916. It continued this way for quite a few years, until we lost it by fire. It was rebuilt on the same location - a brick, larger school - with more teachers and many other improvements. At this time, the name was changed to Broadus Wood High School (in honor of Broadus Wood). He was appointed on the Rivanna School Board following the death of his father, Ira G. Wood, in 1904. The Ira G. Wood family gave the first several acres to build the Earlysville School. Other acres were sold to the school at a later date.

The Earlysville School means much to me, as both my daughters graduated from the Earlysville School. My school years at Broadus Wood were most enjoyable. I had many friends, also I always had good cooperation with the faculty, pupils and parents. If any trouble arose, it could always be resolved after meeting together and discussing our trouble with each other.

I am so grateful I had this opportunity to attend a well-organized school so near our home.

The winners of the 1910 school fair.
Front row (l-r): Anna Jones, Maggie
Dulaney, Wilma Seamonds, Virginia
Dare Maupin and Giles Allen. Back
row: Minnie Gordon Wood and
Bertha Mae Cox. Courtesy of
Mildred Maupin Fray



This 1909 view shows the Maupin
family ready to depart for home from
school. Pictured are Edgar,
Mildred, Virginia Dare, John William
and Evelyn. Courtesy of Mildred
Maupin Fray.

Plays were a popular extracurricular
activity for the students at EHS.
Before the auditorium was added,
all plays were given on the school's
front porch. This play was given in
1911. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin
Fray.





Seen here is one of the many plays that was given at EHS using the front porch as a stage. After the second floor was added plays were performed in the upstairs auditorium. The known actors include Eugene Durette, Ennis

Dickerson, Harry Huff, Sarah Wood and Alees Pritchett. Courtesy of Elva Watson Wood.

Dancing around the May Pole in 1923. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.



School was not just sitting, writing and doing arithmetic. On the contrary, there were many extracurricular activities at EHS that made "book learning" more enjoyable. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

viola dovel wingfield

The first day of my attendance at Earlysville High School was the fall of 1920. The last day was graduation with the Class of 1932. In between those years are some of the happiest events of my life and during my school years I found some dear friends which have lasted to this day.

When I first attended Earlysville High School, there were no buses so we drove our own carriage and team of horses; it would carry our family and some of our neighbor's children. This lasted until we bought a Model-T Ford Touring Car in 1928. We could let the top down in good weather and put it up and install side curtains with isinglass windows, with a slit on the driver's side to put his hand out for turning and stop signals in cold or falling weather. My brother, Luther Amos, drove the car to school until he graduated in 1930 and then my brother, Virgil, drove it until I graduated in 1932. In the meantime, I learned to drive also. If the boys were sick or absent, I would drive to school.

There was a stable with many stalls, located just off the basketball court, where we put our horses, while we were in school. There was

not enough spaces for all the horses, so the patrons of the school organized a work crew and built additional stalls at a right angle to the original stable. My father was a great help in this project.

I remember in my early school years all the students assembling on the playground and taking calisthenics. Mae Pickering was our instructor, while she was still in high school and also after she became a

teacher at EHS.

While in the third grade, I remember our choir. Miss Lucille Fray played the piano and coached us. We performed at school on special occasions.

One of the highlights of each year was May Day, when the Queen was crowned. There were many flowers and always a May Pole dance. I was one of the dancers. Long streamers were attached to

the May Pole and each of us would hold the end of one and dance around the pole while music was being played on a phonograph. There were other events also on May Day, like a sack and potato races, as well as other games and contests. The final event was always a baseball game.

My mother always packed our lunch in a metal pail with a metal top. At lunch time we would always



Each morning, the student body would assemble in front of the school for announcements and exercises. This particular lineup was in 1921. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



Earlysville High School flag raising ceremony in 1924 was witnessed by the entire student body. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.

Avis Garrison. Our leader was Elizabeth Davis. We went on many scout hikes. One summer we went on a week long camping trip to Merrie Mill, near Cismont, Albemarle County. Mr. John Chaloner owned this estate and he had a big swimming pool, and a lovely stream meandering through a green meadow. Here he let us pitch our tents and camp. We cooked our meals over our campfire and at night we would all gather around the fire, sit on logs and roast wieners and marshmallows, and have the best time. Mr. Chaloner liked young people, especially the girl and boy scouts. Each of our troops camped here. He was the former husband of Amelie Rives, whose family owned Castle Hill.

All the county schools, had a literary society. The best readers, spellers and speakers, from each school, were chosen and competed in the county-wide literature bee. I was chosen to compete in the reading event.

Our basketball team of 1928 was one of the best we ever had, and won most every game. The members were Audrey Fray, Gertrude Via, Olive Dulaney, Phyllis McCauley, Barbara Via, Cornelia Kidd, Viola Dovel and June Wood. Our coach was Mae Pickering. I played guard on the team.

My favorite teachers in elementary school were Dorothy and Elizabeth Cox. My favorite high school teachers were Alice Elam, who taught me chemistry; and Pauline Scribner, who taught me Latin I and II.

My favorite principal was Joel

go to the classroom of the oldest sister, who had the pail, and get our home baked biscuits, filled with sausage, bacon, ham or chicken and the best homemade fried apple pies. Back in those days everyone carried their wheat to Fray's Mill and received their flour in barrels or bags, as desired, and all baked goods were made at home, as commercial loaf bread, rolls, pies and cakes, had not come into popularity yet. And my, how good home-baked things were! No smell on earth is better than fresh baked bread, pies and cakes. My brothers would receive their lunch and eat it on the way to the stable. They fed the horses at lunch time and then were eager to get on the playing

field on good days, practicing basketball in the fall and baseball and track in the spring. On rainy, snowy days we ate lunch in our classrooms, as there was no lunch room or cafeteria. Sometimes the teachers would prepare a kettle of homemade soup, which they would give us each a bowl to complement our lunch and my, how good that was on a cold and snowy day.

Each year we participated in Field Day, during the month of May, which was held at Lambeth Field, University of Virginia. There were seven high schools in Albemarle County: Scottsville, Stony Point, Greenwood, Crozet, Meriwether Lewis, Red Hill and Earlysville. All of the schools sent contestants to

this; it was the highlight of our school year. I was in the relay and broad jump events for girls'. There was always a big crowd and we had lots of fun on this day.

There was a girl's 4-H club at Earlysville High School. My project was gardening - flowers and vegetables - and the experience gained from this has followed me to this day as I love flowers and gardens. Our leader was Miss Bessie Dunn Miller and, later, Mrs. Ruth Burruss Huff.

We also had a Girl Scout Troop at Earlysville, of which I was a member. Some of my fellow scouts, whom I remember fondly, were June Wood, Nellie Arbogast, Audrey Fray, Olive Dulaney and

Kidd. He was my principal during my senior year. That year he boarded with Mrs. Broadus Wood and Mrs. Elliott Wood, at School Spring Farm.

The year after I graduated Mr. Kidd boarded with us at 2310 Jefferson Park Avenue, Charlottesville, as we had sold our farm and moved into the city. Mr. Kidd drove out to Earlysville each day and had as passengers his teachers: Mr. Cox, Alma Sweet, Alice Elam and Amelia Patton. During this time I got to know him well and consider him to be one of the most outstanding educators in our county.

My very close friends in high school were: June Wood, Geraldine Fray, Audrey Fray and Nellie Arbogast, and the amazing thing is that we are all living and attending our joint reunion of Earlysville High School on May 19, 1984. They are still my very dear friends after all these years.

Audrey, June, Geraldine and I each had a riding horse, so we formed a riding club. We would often take our lunch and go on an all day excursion. Usually we would stop at some church yard for our picnic lunch and to rest the horses. The country side was beautiful and the Blue Ridge Mountains were gorgeous, we had many delightful trips.

I was in our senior play, taking the part of the youngest sister in a family of several girls. I was the one who wore hand-me-down clothes and came last in everything. Fi-

nally, all the older sisters were married and moved away from home at which point I was able to buy brand-new clothes and became the Cinderella of the play. How true was the parallel to my life, as I was the youngest girl in our family. It was only after my older sisters married or moved away from home and out into the business world, that I became the princess in our home and everyone treated me wonderfully, including my brothers at home and sisters and brother away.

Luther Amos graduated from Earlysville in 1930 and Virgil in 1935, so I had big brothers to look after me. In the fall of 1932 after we had moved to Charlottesville, I attended a post graduate course at

Lane High School. Virgil wished to continue at EHS, so he boarded with Mrs. Broadus Wood and Mrs. Elliott Wood for that term. During the summer of 1933, Virgil worked and made almost enough money to buy his first car. Our family made arrangements so he could get it, so he stayed at home, 2310 Jefferson Park Avenue, and drove to school each day his junior and senior years. Teachers, Miss Alice Elam and Mrs. Amelia Patton, rode with him some of the time during those years.

In closing let me say that the education I got and the friends I made while at Earlysville High School, has helped me greatly in my college years and in my career

One of Albemarle County's earliest school buses serviced EHS in 1933. Mae Hildebrand stands near the front of the bus.

as a teacher in the Charlottesville School System. Now, in my retirement, I have many wonderful memories of my Earlysville High School days.





Posing with the most up-to-date mode of transportation are Myrtle Estes, June Wood, Annie Price, Helen Hamilton, Miles Pickering and Joe Davis. This after school photograph was taken in 1928. Courtesy of Helen Davidson.

Off to school: Dorothy Cox, Jessie Harouff and Elizabeth Cox. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.

myrtle bohrer

Never will I forget my first day at Earlysville High School. Years ago, school always opened on a Friday, early in September. When this day came, my father had not obtained information concerning the school bus that transported pupils from Advance Mills to Earlysville. So, my sister, Emmie, a tenth grader, and a neighbor, Edna Haney, a ninth grader drove all the distance - seven miles - to school that first day.

At the time it was considered necessary to have permission to ride the bus. The conveyance, was owned by Mr. Mack Marshall and his son, Mcneil, drove it. After his graduation, Bowlin Marshall drove and was operating it when I graduated in 1930.

The bus at this time was Model-T. Seats ran vertically along the sides of the body. Riders needed to squeeze closely together and often small children sat on our laps. Students who entered the bus near the school had to stand most of the time.

Mr. John Fray gave school children permission to leave their horses in his stable near the mill. We unhooked our horse Charles, fed him, tied him and backed the buggy against the stall and then went into the store to wait for bus arrival.

School was never closed no matter how bad the weather. If conditions were extremely bad, Mrs. Bob Elswick, the miller, would direct us to drive the horse up to the store and he got them situated in

the stable later.

When it was cold, Mr. Albert Fray and Mr. Tommy Douglas helped us get warm by the stove in the store. All of these people were so very helpful and kind to school children. The bus always made the trip to school, though road conditions were bad. The bus drivers even waited for us if we were in sight of Advance Mills. With all these kindnesses offered, I was able to attend Earlysville High School five years without missing a day.

During all these years, most of the books were sold at country stores. Texts did not change very often and used books were gotten from students whenever obtainable. Many times they were in bad condition. Most paper used for classwork was rough paper. "Big 5" was a popular brand name. Theme paper, or loose-leaf notebook paper was used for special assignments. Most notebooks were black in color and were fastened with two single rings.

Throughout my high school days, there was still an absence of extra materials. There was no construction paper or other art materials. Rooms were not decorated. Few pictures were ever hung on the walls. At times, much mud was on the floors. We did have Crayola crayons.

Earlysville High School had electricity in the building when I attended in 1925. An addition at back of the original building had been completed. Two elementary classrooms, a basement and indoor

bathrooms were included in this structure. There were some water fountains.

The school had no custodian so Mills Pickering took care of the electric equipment located in the basement. This work was later done by James Garrison. Finally, Mr. Less Wood was hired to take care of building needs. He always spoke to pupils and teachers in such a kind manner.

The principals at Earlysville High School were teaching principals. There were two teachers who helped him care for instruction of all high school students. The school office was a very small room located upstairs in one corner of the auditorium by the stage. This was used very seldom and few school records were kept.

Teachers at Earlysville did not play the piano so I played for assembly singing and marching. Many of our songs were found in the "One-Hundred-One Best Songs Book".

Miss Lucille Fray helped with special music programs. She taught private piano lessons to some students during school hours. For small children, she organized a rhythm band and I played for this. Upon several special occasions we had recitals at school. The piano was on stage for this performance.

The "circle" located at the front of the Earlysville High School was a favorite spot for many students. In the spring of 1930, my graduation

year, we had a May Pole Dance there. This was a new and memorable experience for me. Miss Lucille Fray helped teachers and students with the music. At times the "circle" was called "the ring".

Magazine sale drives were exciting times for students in upper grades. We gathered in the auditorium where representatives from the Curtis Publishing Company organized teams for magazine sales. I always ended up being on the losing team because of lowest sales, but there was fun for all - win or lose. Many received prizes for sales.

In 1927, Mr. W.W. Rowan made an announcement when lines had formed to enter the school building. Standing at the end of the porch he told us that Charles Lindbergh had flown successfully from New York to Paris alone.

The last years of Earlysville High School I was allowed to drive our Model-T car all the way to school when the road to Advance Mills was dry and the horse was needed for extra farm work. No driving permits were required then and some youngsters drove when quite young. I was even permitted to take the car to baseball games several times.

Seniors were allowed to choose class rings. The cost was usually around seven, or eight dollars but that was a lot of money in the early depression years. By 1930, joint graduation programs were held in Cabell Hall at the University of Mr.

ginia. There were many high schools in Albemarle County. Many classes were small in number. We felt important dressed in caps and gowns.

Earlier, I spoke of driving the horse for five years. I graduate from Earlysville in June 1930. That fall, the school bus came to my father's store to pick up children who walked to meet it. I missed this good service.

After graduation, I had little contact with Earlysville High School. Work started on the construction of Federal Highway Route 29 in September of 1932. That brought about many changes in bus routes and changes in school districts.

The morning after the tragic fire that destroyed the school building and contents, I was waiting with children at the store. The bus never came. We wondered why? Finally, Mr. Ed Crenshaw drove in and announced the happenings to us. We had no radios for news announcing then. Children were stunned and slowly walked homeward.

In just a few days parents were helping with the construction of temporary buildings so education could continue. Our neighbor, Mr. Ray Wood, worked many days on this project.

Though the building was destroyed fond memories of Earlysville High School linger on.



Standing on the EHS wood pile in 1928 are Helen Hamilton, Audrey Fray and Annie Price. Courtesy of Helen Hamilton Davidson.



audrey l. fray

There were no yellow school buses when I started to school in 1920. Pauline Scribner Le Tellier and her older sister, Addie S. Graves, let me ride in their buggy my first year or two. I rode with my cousins, Thelma T. McAlister and Geraldine F. Haney, from that time until there was a bus. That was a happy day for all of us because even heavy laprobes and all the warm clothes we wore didn't help our faces on a cold windy day. When there was a rainy or snowy morning I had to miss school. That was a big disappointment for I hated to miss a day.

I adored my first two teachers as only a little girl can do. They were Miss Brooks and Miss Watts. One of them made me move to the back of the room which hurt my feelings. Someone heard me say I was going to cry until she moved me back near her desk and it was printed in the Annual; I was grateful my name wasn't mentioned. I think it was Miss Brooks who gave each girl a cardboard doll house at Christmas. I think it meant more to me than anything else I received.

I don't think of our bus rides without remembering Olive Dulaney Pickering singing. She was a good basketball player, too. I wish I could say that about myself. I don't know whether it was pity or a lack of

girls interested in the game that made the coach let me be a substitute. My inability to contribute didn't keep me from feeling a part of the team and enjoying the trips. I remember the principal at Scottsville blessing us out for being noisy because classes were still going on when we barged into the school. I don't know where our coach was. Mrs. Nella Bailey Via never seemed very pleased with us either.

Field Days were a big event with the sack races and other contests. We had them at Earlsyville and joined with other schools at Lambeth Field. The county fair was a joyful time even if I did have diphtheria after I went to the first one with Geraldine and her parents. She had it before I did and mother thought I got it from eating candy out of the same bag when we were on the merry-go-round. I don't blame her for wishing she'd kept me at home because at the time my father was ill with typhoid fever, and his nurse had to divide her time between him and me for I was really ill. When Dr. Rea came with my brother, the nurse carried me downstairs to my father's room. I must have been better for I remember someone showing Gaines Jr to me and I'll never forget how red and wrinkled he was.

Being a girl scout meant a lot to me. We had some great camping trips and worked hard at earning merit badges. I also belonged to the 4-H club.

A snowy 1929 day at EHS. Pictured are Winnie Sutherland (teacher) and Helen Hamilton. Courtesy of Geraldine Fray Haney.

vernon jones

I attended Earlysville High School and graduated in 1934. We lived on the Free Union Road, three miles from the school by road but only one and a half miles through Broadus Wood's farm. We walked to school each day until I was in high school when buses started to pick up the students on our road. However we still had to walk almost a mile from our home to the highway to meet the bus.

My favorite principal was Joel Kidd, who was an all-around man, teacher coach and a greatly respected person by all who knew him.

I played on all the athletic teams. My position was third base on the 1931 baseball team which lost the county championship to Red Hill High School at Lambeth Field, University of Virginia, by the score of 3-2. I also played on the county championship baseball team of 1934, by winning over Stony Point School with a score of 2-1. The team members were coach-Joel Kidd, catcher-Harry Crenshaw, pitcher-Schuyler Reed, 2nd base-Dwight Corey, 1st base-Gaines Dickerson, 3rd base-Vernon Jones, right field-Virgil Dovel, center field-Hanford Hall, left field-Benjamin Crenshaw and substitutes - Bernette Wood and Harrison Wood, Jr.

During our play-off game with Stony Point High School, Stony Point was ahead, 1-0 until the seventh inning. Earlysville got a man on third base in the top of seventh inning, with Virgil Dovel at bat, he

got a hit and drove in the tying run which made it 1-1. Then in the top of the eighth inning Schuyler Reed hit a home run making it 2-1 in favor of Earlysville. Then Stony Point came to bat in the bottom of the ninth inning and Schuyler struck out the first three batters and won the game for Earlysville. I also played on the basketball team and was on the track team. On Field Day at Lambeth Field my specialty was the 100 yard dash, which I never came in other than first or second. I also ran in the 440 relay.

Our scout master was Harry Huff, a wonderful man, a real leader of boys. I was a scout from the time I was 11 years old until I graduated from high school. One summer our troop went on a camping trip to Grottoes, on the Shenandoah River. There was a swinging bridge right at our camp that crossed the river and led into the Town of Grottoes. At night Bill Via and Bill Catterton would get permission to go into Grottoes. They met some girls and came back to camp after taps at 10 p.m. Captain Huff told them they would have to come in by ten o'clock. The next night they stayed out late again. Captain Huff told them that a farmer, who had a watermelon patch right by the path leading to town, had been missing watermelons and he was going to shoot whoever he caught in the patch. They denied getting any melons. The next night Happy Marshall got hold of a gun and waited until Bill Via and Bill Catterton came

up to the watermelon patch, and fired straight up in the air. Well, the two boys thought sure enough that the farmer was firing at them and broke in a run and tried to cross the swinging bridge, which started to weave and sway and tripped each of them. As soon as they scrambled to their feet down they would go again. They finally crawled off the end of the bridge and all of us scouts, who had been watching, burst out in a big laugh. The boys were black and blue from their falls for several days.

Our senior play was given in the assembly room of the "barracks". I was one of the players and we also performed at the Free Union School.

The most exciting event, in my school days, was the burning of Earlysville High School about 10 p.m. Monday night, March 5, 1934. I was a substitute school bus driver for Gaines Dickerson, who was sick that Monday. That evening I drove up to Gaines' home to see how he was, and on the way back home I could see this red glow over towards Broadus Wood's place and thought it might be his house or barn. After getting home I ran out on the ridge beyond our home and could see it was the school burning. At once I called my father, Horris Jones, and we drove up to the school. This was about 10 p.m. When we arrived at the school it was a bright blaze. It was too hot for us to try and save anything in the school and all my school books

burned up. It seemed that an arsonist had poured some flammable material under the stairs, all the way through the hall and up the stairs to the second floor and down the fire chute at the side of the chemistry room. A liquid container was found at the foot of the fire chute. It seemed the hottest fire was in the above mentioned areas when we got there. Before long a group of parents and neighbors had gathered but could only watch and see the roof cave in, since it was mostly heart pine material and the heat was intense. I don't remember any fire trucks ever arriving - too late anyway.

After a while the Sheriff decided to bring in a bloodhound, since they had found tracks in the mud leading away from the bottom of the chute, of someone running or in a big hurry to get away. At 12 p.m. the bloodhound arrived and they followed the trail. No convictions were ever made as the burning remains a mystery to this day.

The Albemarle County School Board called for volunteer labor and the patrons, neighbors and carpenters who had worked on C.C.C. camps came to help. Mr. Henry Garrison was the superintendent of the work, and temporary buildings were erected. My father, Horris Jones, and I worked every day on them. It was only two weeks until we were back in school in two barrack type buildings, similar to the C.C.C. camp that the government built on the Skyline Drive and at

White Hall and Sherando.

The high school building had three rooms with two sliding partitions which were removed for assembly or school plays. The grammar school building had four rooms and the principal's office. The county school board furnished us some used text books and we were able to finish the prescribed course and graduate.

The morning after the fire, instead of driving the school bus to pick up the students, I drove our car along the bus route and told everyone who was waiting for the bus that we would have no school that day as the Earlysville High School had burned down last night.

With the EHS as a backdrop, Nellie Arbogast poses for the camera in 1931. Courtesy of Earl C. Leake.



EARLYSVILLE ECHOES

October 25, 1935

Earlysville High School, Earlysville, Virginia Number 1

Mr. McIntire Presents Pictures to High Schools

Mr. Paul G. McIntire of New York City who has always been a "quarry godfather" to the schools of this county, has recently presented each high school with a collection of one hundred pictures. We have not yet removed ours from the superintendent's office, as we do not feel that our present building offers a suitable setting. However, we are looking forward to next year when they will grace the walls of our new building.

F.F.A. News

The F.F.A. of the Earlysville High School was organized October 15, and the following officers were elected: President, Dwight Corey; Vice-President, Rachel Crenshaw; Reporter, Florence Walker; Treasurer, Billy Leake; Secretary, Willie Via; Watch Dog, Gordon Crickenberger.

Objectives were set up for the year by the pupils. These are:

1. 100% of members to have saving accounts.

2. Every member to recite creed sometime before end of session.
3. Have a meeting at least once a month.

4. Every member to become familiar with the manual and parliamentary procedure.

5. To have a full weiner roast and a spring picnic.

6. To send a judging team to V.B.I.

7. Have a representative in the public speaking contest.

8. Cooperate with Meriwether Lewis in giving a banquet.

Earlysville Gets New School

On October 16 the Charlottesville Lumber Company was awarded the contract for building the projected new school building at Earlysville. The local concern's bid was \$32,290 which was the lowest. The structure will replace the old one destroyed by fire nineteen months ago and will be practically fire proof. The new building will provide seven class rooms, office, library, and toilet facilities.

The pupils and teachers eagerly await the time when they can get this new building which should be completed in 170 days.

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F.F.A. News

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grapes and cakes were passed around. After eating an abundance the crowd then amused themselves by telling stories and playing games. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely.

bertha durrer detamore

Happy days and sad days at Earlysville High School. The happy days were many; the sad days were few.

I remember the Rally Days at Lambeth Field, chapel programs, county academic contests (e.g. spelling, math, essay writing, debating), socializing while eating our packed lunches outside (even swapping and sharing them sometimes), science laboratory, pot belly stoves, study hall in the auditorium which was upstairs and which had a squeaky floor, May Pole dances in the circle in front of the school.

And then came the saddest event of my school days at Earlysville High School. On the night of March 5, 1934, our school burnt to the ground.

Our parents helped to build temporary buildings in a short time so our class of 1934 could graduate from Earlysville High School. (We celebrated our 50th class reunion along with all the graduates of Earlysville High School.) We even had a temporary stage constructed in one of the buildings so we could have our senior play.

Would you believe that during World War II I taught fourth grade in one of those buildings? General

P.B. Peyton, principal of Broadus Wood High School referred to my room as "my barn".

A happy and sad day arrived in 1934 our graduation at Cabell Hall. I was sad because of leaving my friends and teachers, but I was happy in starting another milestone of my life, that of becoming a teacher. My dedicated teachers at Earlysville High School definitely played a part in my preparation and inspiration of becoming a teacher. I am still indebted to each of them.

In 1935, EARLYSVILLE ECHOES became EHS' first student newspaper. Totalling eight issues, the newspaper reported on life at EHS after the fire and before the completion of the new school.

athletics

Athletic competition was always keen among Albemarle County's high schools: Earlysville, Stony Point, Meriwether Lewis, Crozet, Greenwood, Red Hill and Scottsville. Most of the entertainment of the school year was furnished by these spirited athletic teams.

In high school, during the fall season the students looked forward to outdoor girls' and boys' basketball games. During the spring season there was boys' baseball games and girls' and boys' track meets.

One of the biggest highlights for the basketball team was when Coach Rev. Sidney Coates took the team to Miller School to play indoor basketball. All of the EHS remaining games were played outdoors on dirt courts.

Not to be outdone by their older peers, the elementary students participated in many a dodgeball and volleyball game. Thus with the able coaching by teacher Alma Sweet these girls' and boys' teams achieved total victory over all other county teams thus becoming county champions. This happened for at least four years.

Each school in the county played each of the other schools and if there was a tie at the end of the season, the county championship would be decided by a playoff. School spirit and enthusiasm exhibited at each contest was very visible from the players, to the watching students and families,



EHS' first girls' basketball team premiered the first year of the new school. Note the woven-wire backboard and dirt court. The flag has a ball on it and the initials A.P.S. - Albemarle Public Schools. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

The Earlysville Athletic Association, under the leadership of Elizabeth Davis, president; Miles Pickering, vice president; and McNeil Marshall, treasurer, is one of the interesting organizations in school. The boys and girls of the association are working with the Civic League, in putting on a Halloween entertainment.

stood second or near the top. No students could be prouder than those who attended Earlysville High School.

to the cheerleaders on the sidelines. The parents and friends of these schools provided surprisingly large crowds at home games and games at the other schools.

A county-wide track meet and field day was held each year at Lambeth Field at the University of Virginia. The county champi-

onships for each event would be decided by the school accumulating the most points. The field day was like a festival: attended by all loyal supporters of the teams from all seven high schools.

Earlysville excelled in all sports and won many championships and when the school did not, the school



The photograph shows EHS' first boys' basketball team during the school's first year. The pennant features a basketball and the words Basket Ball on either side. Courtesy of Steven G. Meeks.

The 1909 EHS track team at a track meet on Easter Monday at Stony Point School. Pictured are first row (l-r): Clyde Dulaney, Edgar Newman, King Marshall and Peyton Crenshaw. Second row: Homer Dulaney, Cyootes Harlow, Edgar Maupin, Elliott Wood and Marvin Dulaney. This team was the Albemarle Champion Track Team in 1907, 1908 and 1909. Earlysville also won the baseball championship in 1909.





In 1914 Mildred Maupin Fray was chosen captain of the girls' basketball team. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.



Rena Frances Herndon Birkhead designed and made the uniforms for the 1919 EHS baseball team. Pictured are (l-r): Curtis Dulaney, Common Birkhead, Everett Graves, Glenn Pickering, George Garrison, Russell Dickerson, Robert Birkhead, Almond Birkhead and Jefferson Marshall. Courtesy of Mae Birkhead Wood.



The EHS baseball team of 1921 including captain and catcher Robert Birkhead, No. 3; pitcher Curtis Dulaney, No. 9; first base Almond Birkhead, No. 2; second base Common Birkhead, No. 8;

third base Jefferson Marshall, No. 1; short stop Russell Dickerson, No. 4; right field Glenn Pickering, No. 5; left field Everett Graves, No. 7; and centerfield George Garrison, No. 6. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



The EHS girls' basketball team of 1921 including captain and center Mary Marshall, No.3; forward Addie Scribner, No. 4; forward Alees Pritchett, No. 5; guard Mae

Pickering, No. 2; guard Elizabeth Via, No.6; and guard Woodsie Edwards, No.1. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

j. frank doherty

Our farm was located on the Pritchett Ford Road which leads off Proffit Road at Maple Grove Christian Church. Since it was over five miles to Earlysville High School, I rode horseback to school. The stable at school was in the form of an L and had 56 stalls; my stall was in the corner.

In the fall of 1924 our basketball team won the county championship. That year Meriwether Lewis High School did not win a game. But the other four teams, Earlysville, Scottsville, Crozet and Greenwood, tied for first place, having the same won and lost record. The play-off was held in the Old Armory in Charlottesville. On the first day of the semi-finals we had two games. Then on the next day, one game between the winners of the semi-finals, Scottsville and Earlysville, which Earlysville won and became the county basketball champions. The members of the team were Happy Marshall, Edward Allen, Edward Davis, Bill Catterton, Elmer Mooney and Frank Doherty.

The baseball team in the spring of 1925 also had a most successful year. Earlysville and Greenwood tied for first place and had the play-off on the Earlysville diamond. Greenwood won by the score of 2 to 1. That was a great game. The members of this team were Happy Marshall-pitcher, Edmond Allen-catcher, Frank Doherty-1st base, Edward Davis, Bill Catterton, Elmer Mooney, Mills Pickering, James Garrison and Zack Dunn.

The first Boy Scout meeting was in February 1923. Our scout master was Harry Huff, a wonderful man. We would hold our scout meetings at school during the school term and I remember Captain Huff, as we all called him, riding his bicycle up to the meetings. Then in the summer, we met around at the homes of different members for our monthly meetings.

Our summer camp was held at Grottoes, Virginia, and I rode my bicycle all the way over there. We had a wonderful time and practiced and passed some of our merit badges. Mills Pickering and I were two of the Eagle Scouts in our Troop. One requirement for our camping merit badge was that we camp out 50 nights. Summer camp counted but we needed many more, so I would journey over to Mills' home and he would do the same to my home and we would camp out and sleep under the stars or in our tent if it rained. We would cook our meals over a camp fire, even to fry biscuits.

Then Captain Huff would invite us up to his home on Sunday afternoons to play croquet. I would take our pickup and take a number of other scouts - Earl Leake, Everett and Cecil Reynolds, who lived in my neighborhood, and drive to Captain's home. We would have a wonderful time playing croquet and talking about scouting. Sometimes others in the troop would meet us there.

After school, in the afternoon on

the way home, we boys would have a horse race through Sandy Bottom. That was a stretch of road from Earlysville to Miss Thea Birckhead's home, at the fork of the Proffit and Hydraulic Roads. It is now right in the middle of the Airport. This section was sand and clay at that time, so it was not hard on the horses' hooves. My horse 'Cuba' usually won as she had some thoroughbred in her and she

could really run very fast.

The days I spent at Earlysville High School were most enjoyable, as I made many friends, boys and girls, in the Scouts and classes, that have lasted 'till this day.



The members of the EHS baseball team of 1931 included: front row (l-r): pitcher and short stop Schuyler Reed; first base Cecil Reynolds; pitcher and short stop Randolph Bruce; catcher Kermit Wood; second base Earl Leake; and principal and coach Harvey G. Reed. Back row: left field Bowlin Marshall; third base Vernon Jones;

centerfield Everett Reynolds and right field Gaines Dickerson. This team lost only one game in regular season. Red Hill also lost one game; that was to EHS. The play-off game was at Lambeth Field and Red Hill won the County Championship by a score of 3-2. Courtesy of Elizabeth Bruce Reed

Standing behind the school is the 1928 girls' basketball team that was coached by Mae Pickering. Standing (l-r): Audrey Fray, Gertrude Via, Olive Dulaney, Phyllis McCauley, Barbara Via, Cornelia Kidd, Viola Dovel and June Wood. Courtesy of Barbara Via.

willie via jones

I attended Earlysville High School from 1925 to 1936, when I graduated. We lived one and half miles further from school than Vernon Jones did, which made three miles one way. We took a short cut and walked right by Vernon's home and through Broadus Wood's farm. That was six miles a day we walked to school; sometimes on rainy or stormy days my father would take us one way in his car.

I concur in all Vernon has written except I was not an eye-witness to the burning of the school; I first found out about it when Vernon came driving up in his car as we were waiting for the school bus on Tuesday morning after the fire. I knew when I saw the car something was wrong and he told us that there wouldn't be any school that day as the school had burned down.

We had a holiday of two weeks while they were erecting the temporary buildings. I attended school for two years in the barracks, as they were called.

One of my favorite teachers was George Cox, who taught me biology and chemistry and really made the subjects interesting although we had no lab. My favorite principal was Joel Kidd, who was kind, considerate and an excellent coach of our girls' basketball team, of which I was a member in 1934 and 1935. Our 1935 team lost only one game and that was to Red Hill High School. Maxine Fray and I were guards on this team. The other players were center-Lucille Mc-

Cauley, side center-Aleda Anderson and forwards-Adgil McCauley and Zinnia Birckhead.

I also was on the girls' track team and the 440 was my specialty. We did well on Field day. We also had a dodge ball team on which I played.

Miss Alma Sweet taught me in the sixth grade and was a favorite of mine and still is to this day. Harvey Reed, the 1929-30 and 1930-31 principal, took a lot of interest in the young players and helped our junior basketball team a lot. I was always remember him fondly for his consideration.



The 1932 EHS baseball team Front row (l-r): Kyger Wood, Vernon Jones, John Henry Leake and Paris Crenshaw. Second row: Hanford Hall, Gaines Dickerson, Lonzy Wood, Douglas Davis, Cecil Reynolds, Schuyler Reed and Everett Reynolds. Courtesy of Elizabeth Bruce Reed.



The 1933 EHS County Championship dodgeball team included as members (front row l-r): Billie Leake, Raydolph Birckhead, Ray Leake, Oliver McCauley, Dulaney Wood, Russell Branham and John Leake. Back row: Lee Herring, Ollie Herring, Earnest Jones, Hugh McCauley, Richard Hall, Robert Walker, John Morris and Otis Herring. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.

flora m. reynolds

My school days began in 1925 at the tender age of eight years old. Since I had to walk two and a half miles each way and had a serious illness, my mother taught me at home. She and my excellent teachers did a wonderful job, for I graduated from school in nine years (1934) at the age of seventeen.

Miss Mae Hildebrand was my first grade teacher. I was promoted to third grade under Miss Mae Pickering, who later married Alvin R. Reynolds, I eventually became her sister-in-law.

I consider the sixth grade one of the most informative of my school years, Miss Alma Sweet, who later married W. Abbott Smith, was my excellent teacher. She taught me the fundamentals of math, English, history, geography and introduced me to the job of debating and public speaking. We are good friends and attend the same church. To me, she is one of the most loving and caring persons I have ever known - truly a great lady!

In 1929 we were promised a school bus on the Earlysville-Nortonville road if our parents would give land and build a suitable road from Gaines Dickerson's home, about a quarter of a mile west of my home, to Earhart's Corner. Gaines was our first school bus driver. The route was from his home to Earhart's Corner, then right on the Free Union road to Mr. John Via's home (Michie Tavern) and back to school. Michie Tavern was later

sold and moved to Monticello Mountain, its present location.

Elizabeth Harlow and I were promoted from the sixth grade to high school (eighth grade) in 1930. Fortunately, I had another excellent teacher, Miss Pauline Scribner (Mrs. Pete Le Tellier), who taught all my subjects in eighth and ninth grades, including two years of Latin. She taught us to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" in Latin and I still remember to words.

My junior and senior years were again highlighted by excellent teachers. Miss Alice Elam was my math and English teacher. Geometry was one of my favorite subjects. Under her able guidance, my short story, "The Choices," placed second in Virginia State competition. Also, I represented my school on the debating team and public speaking.

Mr. Joel T. Kidd was our principal, history teacher, girls' and boys' basketball, baseball, track and dodgeball coach. I regret that he didn't live to attend our 50th reunion. He was a quiet, gentle and understanding person and a gentleman at all times.

General Assembly was held in the auditorium on the second floor. I don't remember how often we met, but Allegiance to the Flag, The Lord's Prayer and singing "My Country Tis of Thee" generally opened the session. The stage was at the front of the building facing the circle and was the center of activities. A dressing room was at

the left of the stage and a library at the right. A wing to the right of the auditorium contained two rooms. Mr. Joel T. Kidd, principal, taught history in a room to the right of the library. The other room to the left at the top of the stairway was the chemistry room. We used the auditorium as a study hall. Also, the chute fire escape led from the chemistry room to the ground. It provided a quick and easy way to get to history class after basketball practice until Mr. Kidd caught us.

The saddest night of my school years was March 5, 1934 when our beloved Earlysville High School burned to the ground. About 11 p.m. my father was in our yard, two and a half miles from school, when he saw a blaze in the direction of our school. We drove to the school in time to see the first floor burning. The roof and upper storey had already fallen. I stood and watched with tearful eyes, my desk and books burning. My desk in the corner of our English room.

Sheriff J. Mason Smith was called and evidence showed the building had been set afire by gasoline poured in the first floor hallway. No convictions were made and the case was closed.

I represented my school in high jump, tied for first place in county competition at Lambeth Field. The county schools had an athletic program which offered a decathlon participation by any interested students. I participated in track (50 yard dash), broadjump, basketball

throw, basketball free throws and baseball throw. I won a gold medal, the first won by a girl in our school. Vernon Jones won a gold medal in the boys' division and several silver and bronze medals were won by our students.

The highlight of school competition in 1934 was Rally Day. Each student could represent our school in two events. My choice was the 440 yard relay and dodgeball. My teammates on the relay were Glenn Leake, Adgil McCauley, Bertha Durrer and me at anchor. We won first place in both events. The boys were very successful too, as well as the lower grades. So, we won the coveted Rally Day Cup for the first time in the history of our school. The baseball team also won the baseball cup. The Blue and White flew high that year. As Elizabeth Bruce Reed so aptly wrote on a snapshot, "Watta Class."

The greatest honor of my school year was a vote, from the entire school body, for me to receive the Rally Day Cup, in the name of our school, at Cabell Hall. After 50 years I can still see that long walk down the steps to the stage, hear the applause and feel the thrill of holding that shiny cup in my hands before giving it to our principal, Joel T. Kidd. He deserved the credit for that cup. He trained us to give all, be physically fit and instilled in us a fierce desire to excel in all our undertakings, not only in sports but also academic achievements.

Now, after I have lost both legs,

a former student and now a teacher, Mrs. Frances Parrish Gibson, said to me, "But think how well those legs served you." This statement from Frances has made a lasting impression on me. I'm proud and thankful that I had the opportunity to attend Earlysville High School and for those wonderful memories.



The 1934 EHS dodgeball team champs under the supervision of Alma Sweet Smith included Oliver McCauley, Ray Leake, Harold Price, Richard Hall, Billy Leake, L.C.

Parrish, Daniel McCauley, Lee Herring, Earnest Jones and Vinnie Herring. Courtesy of Alma Sweet Smith.



This team won the Albemarle Basketball Championship Trophy four years consecutively competing against the other six county high schools. There were some different participants each year - 1935-36-37-38. This picture was taken in 1936. The team included (l-r): Xenia Birckhead, star forward; Aleda Anderson, side center; Maxine Fray, guard; Joel T. Kidd, principal and coach; Marie Herring, jump center; Helene Marshall, captain and forward; and Wilda Dickerson, guard. Courtesy of Mae Birckhead Wood and Aleda Anderson Waddell.

clubs

There were three organized clubs operating at Earlysville High School during most of its history, namely - Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H.

The Girl Scouts' leader for many years was Elizabeth Davis. Monthly meetings were held at the school except in the summer when they met at various scout member's homes. Each summer the scouts would go on a week long camping trip; one summer it was held at Merrie Mills, near Keswick.

The Boy Scouts' troop leader and founder was Captain Harry Huff. Monthly meetings were held at the school. Although in the summer they alternated meeting at different member's homes. A week long camping trip was held each summer at either Grottoes in Rockingham County or Merrie Mills. Additionally many overnight camping trips were held on member's farms on each fork of the Rivanna River.

Joint boy and girl scout activities included Sunday afternoon hikes as well as joint wiener roasts either at Marshall's Rock at Advance Mills or on the sand bar at Hydraulic Mills.

The 4-H Club had both girls and boys as members. Leaders included Bessie Dunn Miller and Ruth Burruss, (both of whom were county extension agents as well as area residents); also Sidney Coates - Episcopal minister at Buck Mountain Episcopal Church.

Rev. Coates took a group of 4-H members to Virginia's state fair one



The school was represented at the annual county school fair at the old armory by Mildred Maupin, Maggie Dulaney, Anna Jones, Jim Maupin, Mabel Wood, Sam Edwards and John Maupin. Seen here on the front steps of the Albemarle County courthouse. Courtesy of Mildred Maupin Fray.

year in addition to helping with the junior basketball team. Additionally one semester Rev. Coates taught a course on the Bible, right in the school during study hall.

Each year there was a 4-H Achievement Day in the Charlottesville Old Armory. Members from each of the seven county high school clubs met to demonstrate their projects. There was always good attendance and lots of fun.

Many members attended the 4-H Club Short Course at V.P.I. at Blacksburg. A county bus and driver would pick up 4-H members

at different points in the county. Miss Ruth Burruss usually went as leader. For many students it was the first time they had left the political boundaries of Albemarle County and had ever met anyone beyond Albemarle's borders. On their return home, the group would visit Natural Bridge - an added benefit from the trip.

All of these clubs were powerful character builders, as well as installing knowledge in the students' formative years in the disguise of having fun.



In 1921 the school produced its first school annual, supported in part by Paul G. McIntire. The staff of the annual, the AURORA, included Addie Scribner as editor-in-chief; Mary Wood, assistant editor; Mae Pickering, business manager; and Alees Pritchett, assistant business manager. Other staff members included, Fannie Via, Robert Dreckhead, Beulah Jennings, Warren Wood, Mary Marshall, Curtis Dulaney and Philip Allen. The school's next annual would not

The Barksdale Literary Society was led by Mae Pickering and Alees Pritchett in 1921. The motto was "do our best." Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.

appear until the new building opened under the name of Broadus Wood. Courtesy of Viola Dovel Wingfield.



Scout trip from Earlysville High. Back row (l-r): Dorothy Cox, June Wood, Mae Pickering, Ruby Pritchett and Lucille Fray. Front row: Audrey Fray, Nellie Arbogast, Lena Garrison and Aline Dulaney. Courtesy of Mae Pickering Reynolds.

Officers Elected By Girl Scouts

EARLYSVILLE

The Girl Scouts have elected officers for the coming year.

Captain—Mrs. A. R. Reynolds.

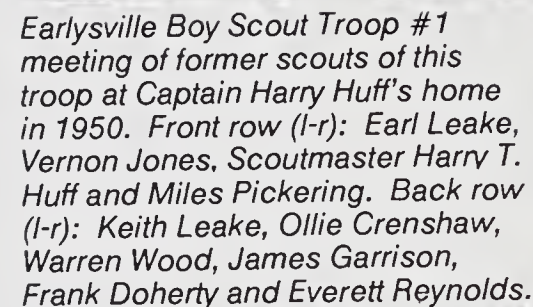
First Lieutenant—Dorothy Cox.

Second Lieutenant—Mrs. A. N. Fray.

Patrol Leader—June Wood.

The following is a list of the Girl Scouts: Olive Dulaney, Ruby Pritchett, June Wood, Geraldine Fray, Audrey Fray, Viola Dovel, Lena Garrison, Helen Hamilton, Alice Colvin, Fannie Colvin, and Nellie Arbogast.

The Girl Scouts are now busy working on their merit badges and qualifying for first-class Scouts.



The committee sponsoring the troops included Eugene Marshall, Rev. E.M. Ramsey and B.I. Wood. The first Scoutmaster was Harry T. Huff who was assisted by Louie Scribner and Warren Wood. The first meetings were held in EHS. Photo courtesy of Frank Doherty.



earl c. leake

The first time I attended Earlysville High School was in the fall of 1924. Our farm was adjoining the Maple Grove Christian Church, so I attended Proffit Elementary School through the fifth grade.

My brother, Ralph, also attended Earlysville High School, so he and I rode horses to school as the school bus did not come down the Proffit Road. Every afternoon after school, on the way home, we would have a horse race through Sandy Bottom. This is the stretch of road from Whyte's Supermarket in Earlysville to the present Airport. Frank Doherty rode Cuba, a thoroughbred mare who could out run our farm horses. He would wait for us to catch up at Miss Thea Birkhead's, then located right in the middle of the present airport.

We attended Earlysville High School until November, when my father moved our family to Covington, where he was minister of the Christian Church. I finished the sixth, seventh and eighth grades there.

In June 1927, we moved back to our farm at Proffit, so I attended Earlysville High School as a freshman. We moved then to Vinton, where I attended Vinton High School my sophomore year and in February 1928 we moved back to our farm and I finished my sophomore, junior and senior years at Earlysville High School.

Mr. John Apperson was our principal and Mrs. Nell Oder and Miss Winnie Sutherland were our teach-



Earl C. Leake, 1930.

ers. Miss Sutherland taught us math and Latin, and Mrs. Oder taught science and chemistry. Mr. Apperson taught us English and government.

Earlysville High School had a junior varsity boys' baseball team with Mr. Apperson being our coach. He took us to play Mountain View, Barboursville and Stanardsville junior varsity teams. We also had a basketball team that Mr. Sidney Coats, the Episcopal minister, coached. He took us up to Miller School to play in their gym. They always invited us to have supper with them before the games. My, what good food! They always beat us and I often wonder if it was because of our eating too much and we couldn't play as well.

In the fall of 1929, Mr. Harvey



Also participating in the 1928 Earlysville Girl Scout Troop 15 mile hike were front row (l-r): Helen Hamilton, Viola Dovel, Elizabeth Cox and Elizabeth Davis-scout leader. Second row (l-r): Joe Davis and June Wood. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.



The 1928 Girl Scout hike wound 15 miles through the countryside ending at the Rivanna River near the present South Fork Dam. (l-r): Joe Davis, June Wood and Elizabeth Davis. Courtesy of Helen Hamilton Davidson.

1928 Earlysville Boy Scout Troop. Front row (l-r): Bernie Owens, Harry Huff-scoutmaster, Joe Davis, Frank Doherty, Everett Reynolds and James Garrison. Back row: Schuyler Reed, Douglas Davis and Guss Reed. Courtesy of June Wood Schmidt.

Reed became principal of EHS. His wife, Edith Reed, Pauline Scribner and Annie Moomaw were our high school teachers.

Mr. Reed was our basketball, baseball and track coach. We played basketball and baseball with Scottsville, Red Hill, Greenwood, Crozet, Meriwether Lewis and Stony Point Schools. We also competed with the schools on Field Day held at Lambeth Field, University of Virginia.

In the spring to 1931 our baseball team won every game, except Stony Point beat us on May Day at our school. The season ended when we had to play for the championship with Red Hill, which had only lost one game and that was to us. Red Hill beat us 3-2 in this game, at Lambeth Field.

The Earlysville 4-H Club held its meetings at school. Miss Ruth Burruss, home demonstration agent and Mr. Tom Scott, Albemarle County extension agent, visited us at these meetings. My project was poultry. Mr Sidney Coats was our coach and took the Albemarle Poultry Team to the Richmond State Fair in the fall of 1930. I won a place on the Virginia Poultry Judging Team, which meant a free all-expenses-paid trip to the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show in New York City. Three other members of the team and I, met with our coach, Mr. Harry Moore, of the Poultry Department at V.P.I., in Richmond, in January 1931. We had a day of study and practice judging

and then boarded our pullman train coach at night. We went to sleep in Richmond and woke up the next morning in New York City. We had a suite of rooms in Wellington Hotel.

Before the Poultry Show, we had a chance to visit the city. We went up in the Chrysler Building, the tallest building in the world at that time, visited Central Park, Grant's Tomb, walked across Brooklyn Bridge, went aboard the British Liner Aquatania for a tour, and saw the Statue of Liberty. We also took in two movies. It was the first time I

had ever eaten in an Automate Restaurant, putting money in a slot, opening it and reaching in to get the food. It was similar to post office mail boxes and was sort of a forerunner to the cafeteria.

Each night, back in the hotel, we would study for the poultry exam. At Madison Square Garden we had a written test and an actual test on placing live poultry in cages. One member of our team placed second; I placed seventh and another placed eleventh; our team placed second in the whole United States and first outside of the New Eng-

land states. We brought back four silver loving cups, which are at Blacksburg to this day. The trip was very rewarding and educational to me.

The Earlysville Boy Scout Troop met at the school once a month. During summer vacation we met at various members' homes. Mr. Harry Huff was our scout master and a wonderful leader. One summer we held our one-week summer camp at Merrie Mills. Mr. Chaloner would let the scouts use his farm. We slept in pup tents and cooked over an open fire. There was a swimming pool at the farm where we swam and took our test for swimming and life-saving merit badges. Mills Pickering and Frank Doherty were our Eagle Scouts. It required 21 merit badges for this. When we would have our Court of Honor at EHS we would be examined for and awarded our merit badges. One time Superintendent of Albemarle County Schools Mr. A.L. Bennett, was our judge. I remember his asking Joe Davis, on his oral exam for the cooking merit badge, if he put sugar in his butterbeans when he cooked them. Joe replied 'yes' and Superintendent Bennett said he did too, and Joe was awarded the merit badge for



1931 Virginia 4-H Club poultry judging team at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Earl C. Leake is second from left. Courtesy of Earl C. Leake.



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As a first grader I entered Earlysville High School never thinking I would spend as much of my life there as I did. Of course, it goes beyond 1936; in fact to 1965 at the time of my retirement. During that time I was both a student, from grade one through graduation, then as a teacher for twenty-three years. That must be a record. Anyway back to the time from 1921-36.

We lined up in straight lines and marched in before school, after recesses and any other time we were summoned back into the building. At noon we were allowed to go out and sit on the bank and eat lunch, of course we brought our lunch from home.

At first I went to school in a buggy. We had a black horse, Nel-

lie, that we drove. Some say she had a high school education because she went to school eleven years! One day the snow was so deep Nellie could not break the patch and pull the buggy, too, so my father rode May, a sorrel horse that we had, to break the track and Nellie followed. I don't remember getting too cold at all and we were four and a half miles away!

We had various organizations such as 4-H and Girl Scouts.

The Albemarle County Fair was really wonderful, one whole week and Friday was "School Day." One year about one hundred of the school children attended. I was in the fourth grade and was fortunate to be second on compositions and third on subtraction. The fair grounds were in the area of the

traffic light that now marks the intersection where route 743 meets the 250 bypass.

Besides many outstanding incidents, there were quite a few memorable teachers of which I shall name four: Lela Burk (Mrs. Marshall Estes), first grade; Winnie Sutherland, high school; Pauline Scribner (Mrs. Delmas Le Tellier), high school; and Mrs. Nell Order, high school. Of these, I shall give experiences involving two.

Perhaps one of my happiest surprise moments was when my Latin teacher, Miss Winnie Sutherland, presented me with a pin inscribed with Scholarship Latin on its scroll and my name on the back.

Our school did not offer Cicero (Latin III). When we, my mother and I, asked Mr. A.L. Bennet, superintendent, if I might take it, he found that my grades were sufficient. Mrs. Delmas Le Tellier (formerly Miss Pauline Scribner) who followed Miss Sutherland, graciously permitted me to take the first ten minutes of her Latin class period and read Cicero, thereby acquiring the credit.

Then it was all over! Graduation 1931, six of us: three girls, Margaret Bickers, Geraldine Fray, Dorothy Bickers; and three boys, Kermit Wood, Earl Leake, and Bowlin Marshall. I was valedictorian. The speech had as its title Ave atque Vale (Hello and Good-bye).

After many years I say again a brief "Hello" and a final "Good-bye".



This picture shows the Gene-Stratton Porter Girl Scout Troop of

Earlysville.

The 1931 Virginia Champion Poultry Judge was Earl Leake of Earlysville. The Albemarle County 4-Her won the State Championship in poultry judging and represented Virginia at the Madison Square Poultry Show in New York City.

cooking.

On the first of June, 1931, our graduating class held the baccalaureate sermon at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. The graduating exercise for all the county high schools were held at the University Baptist Church in Charlottesville as Cabell Hall, at the University, where they were usually held, was closed for repairs.

reunion

In 1984 after interest was expressed by many former Earlysville students, a committee was formed to plan a reunion of students from the classes of 1906 to 1936. The committee members were Earl C. Leake, chairman; Audrey Lee Fray; Geraldine Fray Haney; Flora Marshall Reynolds; June Wood Schmidt; Alma Sweet Smith; Viola Dovel Wingfield; and Elva Watson Wood.

The committee met many times and made two journeys to Culpeper Baptist Home, as guests of Audrey Lee Fray in order to plan for the reunion. In addition many hours were spent by the committee members on the telephone, writing letters and doing research at the Albemarle County School offices in an attempt to try and locate all of the high school students at Earlysville from 1906-1936.

As a result of their contacts with former patrons, pupils and friends, the committee members were able to secure, on loan, many pictures of the graduating classes and of individual students, groups, teams and clubs. Needless to say, they were most grateful for the effort and cooperation of all who shared these treasures.

After securing a very long list, invitations were sent out to all living students at known addresses. The committee also sent invitations to all known living Superintendents of Instruction of Albemarle County Schools, principals and teachers of

Earlysville High School. In total 216 responded by indicating their desires to attend a joint reunion.

The reunion was held on May 19, 1984 at Broadus Wood School, which opened in the fall of 1936 on the site of Earlysville High School which burned March 5, 1934.

Mrs. Marjorie H. Webber, the principal of Broadus Wood at the time of the reunion, was a most helpful and gracious host and her help was greatly appreciated by the committee. The Earlysville Homemakers Club furnished a lunch after which the group gathered at the flag pole, in the circle enclosed by a hedge, in front of the school (since replaced by a parking lot) for a group picture.

The reunion brought former students from as far away as New Mexico, Florida, New York and many points in between. From the attitude of all those who attended, it was one of the great events of Old Earlysville High School and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the conclusion of the day's activities it was decided by those attending to have the next joint reunion in 1989 or 1990 as the committee thinks best.

THE BULLETIN

Joint Reunion Of Earlysville Classes Held

A joint reunion of the Earlysville High School Graduating Classes of 1916 through 1936 was held Saturday, May 19, 1984 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Broadus Wood School, Earlysville.

Two hundred and sixteen graduates, mates and friends met for an outstanding lunch served by the Earlysville Extension Homemakers Club.

Former superintendent of Albemarle County Schools, Paul H. Cole and his wife, Hollie S. Cole, both of Crozet; former Earlysville High School principal William W. Rowan and his wife Laura E. Rowan, both of Charlottesville; former principal's wife Mildred J. Kidd and her son Joel T. Kidd, Jr., both of Mt. Crawford; former principal Thomas W. Hurlburt and his wife Mary G. Hurlburt, both of Charlottesville; former principal George Elwood Hall and his wife Kathryn Hall, both of Charlottesville and the present principal Marjorie Webber attended.

Also attending were former high school teachers; Merry Barksdale

Allen and her husband Lewis T. Allen, both of Farmville; Pauline Scribner Le Tellier and her husband Delmas Le Tellier, of Charlottesville; George W. Cox, Jr. and his wife Martha Cox of Townsoud, Md.

The old Earlysville High School Building burnt in March of 1934. In two weeks the Albemarle County School Board, patrons and friends had barracks type building erected and school continued in these building for two years.

In 1935 and early 1936 the new brick building was built and the first classes were held in it in September 1936.

The new school was named Broadus Wood School in honor of Broadus Ira Wood who donated the land for the school in 1906. His farm adjoined the school site. In those days the school got its drinking water from Mrs. Wood's spring. They named it School Spring Farm which continues to this day.



A joint reunion for students attending Earlysville High School from 1906 through 1936 was held at Broadus Wood Elementary School on May 19, 1984. Among those attending were (front row kneeling l to r): Earl Leake; Margaret Bickers Wood; Irene Birckhead Wood; Nora Estes Messick; Jerusha Smith Worley; Susie Birckhead Damron; Marjorie Birckhead Crenshaw; Bertha Durrer Detamore; Rachel Via Allen; Audrey Lee Fray; Opal Durrer Crickenberger; Lorette Lawson Dickerson; Viola Dovel Wingfield; Elizabeth Via Patterson; Barbara Via

Via; and Duloney Wood. Kneeling right between Viola and Gertrude is Alma Walker Heflin. (Back row standing l to r): Rita Austin Miller; Edna Dovel Jones; Frances Parrish Gibson; Clyde Worley; Norwood Flick Dickerson; Ruth Birckhead Richardson; James Garrison; Myrtle Estes Bohrer; Hazeltine Durrer Clark; Emmie Estes Via; Hanford Hall; Dorothy Fox Fox; Mae Birckhead Wood; Arthur Wood; Geraldine Fray Haney; Nellie Arbogast Mooney; Russell Allen; R. Gleenwood Crickenberger; Gaines Dickerson; Paris Crenshaw; Duane

Durrer Durrer; Menger Ramsey; Ruth Crickenberger Thompson; Mary Durrer Barnett; William W. Rowan, principal 1925-27; Thomas W. Hurlburt, principal 1950-52; Elisabeth Davis Omohundro; Florence Walker Wood; Gertrude Via Via; George Elwood Hall, principal 1952-65; Richard Proffit; Willah Wood Proffit; June Wood Schmidt; Mildred Maupin Fray; Herbert Perkey, Jr.; Verta Crenshaw Douglas; Bowlin Marshall; Vernon Durrer; Fairy Dovel Geiger; Willie Via Jones. Photo by Steven G. Meeks.

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The school shall ever be,—
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While with encircling might
All here are taught the Right
With Truth allied.

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